

## A MCKINNEY VIGNETTE

### "Wherever He Leads I'll Go"

By Wm. J. Reynolds

In December, 1935, B. B. McKinney moved from Texas to Nashville, Tenn., to serve as music editor for the Baptist Sunday School Board. In the middle of January, 1936, he went to Clanton, Ala., to lead the music for a Sunday School convention.

The speaker for the convention was Robert S. Jones, a classmate of McKinney's at Southwestern Seminary. Jones had served as a missionary in Brazil for more than a decade, but had been forced to return home because of his health.

On their first evening in Clanton, the two shared their recent experiences during dinner at the hotel. McKinney expressed his deep sympathy for Jones's return

from the mission field, and inquired as to his future plans. The reply was, "I don't know, Mac, but wherever he leads I'll go." These words stuck in McKinney's mind.

He returned to his room in the hotel and wrote words and music before leaving for the evening service of the convention. At the close of the session, after Jones had spoken, McKinney told the folks there of the dinner conversation with Jones and said he had been inspired to write a song.

He handed a manuscript copy to the organist and sang for the first time, "Wherever He Leads I'll Go."

William J. Reynolds is associate professor church music, Southwestern Seminary.

## Churches spring up across West Africa

By Eric Miller

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — They start in homes or schools, sometimes under thatched roofs, but "little churches are springing up all over West Africa," reports a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board official.

John Mills, the board's director for West Africa, visited nine West African countries this spring. The "most heartening thing for me to see" was the emerging of the "little embryo churches," he says.

Some churches start with a dozen members, maybe 25. That may seem small, but "you've got to measure progress not only by where you've arrived, but by the distance you've come," he says.

Missionaries "don't have a thing to do with a lot of the churches that start," he notes. "We can't do it. We're not enough. The multiplication of churches is the real hope of winning Africa."

Much of the warm enthusiasm among West Africans has come about "because they realize how much the missionaries of the Southern Baptists do care because of the help rendered during the drought" last year, Mills believes.

Burkina Faso suffered the worst drought in 30 years, and Southern Baptists distributed more than 6,000 tons of grain in that country last year. Southern Baptists also prayed for rain and rains came.

Since last year, six churches have developed in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, almost doubling the number related to Southern Baptists in that nation's capital.

A dental clinic built recently in Bobo-Dioulasso is expected to draw people from all over Burkina Faso and neighboring countries.

After a national asked the Southern Baptist dentist if he could have a tooth pulled, the dentist said he would have to wait two weeks for the clinic to open. The national said, "No problem. I can wait. It's been hurting for five years."

Also in Burkina Faso, where plowing is done with a short-handled hoe, missionaries are introducing the process of plowing with oxen. "You've got to go with an appropriate technology," Mills says. "If you try to go from a short-handled hoe to a tractor, you haven't helped the man. He can't buy a tractor, and if you gave one to him, he couldn't buy fuel or wouldn't know how to drive it."

Along the eastern Mono River area in Togo where the North Carolina partnership is working, there may soon be as many baptized church members as in all of that country now, Mills says.

New believers in the Mono River area are "begging us to come start new churches," he reports. "Missionaries go down the road and people run to stop them just to say, 'Thank you, thank you, thank you'" for work missionaries and volunteers are doing.

Workers in the North Carolina partnership are finishing construction of a steel and concrete bridge across the Mono River. Once the bridge is ready for use, residents no longer will have to make a 75-mile detour to take crops to markets when the river level is up.

About 50 good wells have been drilled in the Mono River area. Ponds have been built to allow for fish farming and irrigation farming. Missionaries and volunteers have been teaching health and nutrition in the villages.

About 15 churches and 15 other preaching stations have been started in the same area. Between January and March, 392 people were baptized there.

In Dakar, Senegal, about 800 Muslims participate in weekly activities in a Southern Baptist center. Activities include sports, reading, discussion groups and Bible studies. About 200 participate in the Bible study each week.

"There is a listening and a hearing of the gospel that doesn't come if you just go out and start preaching."

Eric Miller writes for FMB.

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## Asian Baptists meet again to plan foreign missions

By Erich Bridges

SEOUL, South Korea (BP) — Asian Baptist leaders have met for the second time in six months to discuss possible joint efforts in sending Asian missionaries abroad.

The meeting, held June 17-19 in Seoul, South Korea, reunited Korean Baptists with representatives from Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, and Singapore who attended a similar gathering in Hong Kong last December. Baptist leaders from Indonesia and Thailand joined them, but representatives from the Philip-

pines, who attended the December meeting, did not come to Seoul.

The Asian leaders reported most have sponsored some overseas mission workers, but only Japanese and Koreans have sent missionaries to work among other language groups at this point.

They continued their discussion on potential joint strategies for the future and heard presentations by Southern Baptist missionaries on the history of Southern Baptist missions overseas, the theology of missions, and the

basics necessary for organizing a mission effort.

"When we first decided to send a missionary a few years ago, we thought the only thing we had to do was select the person, get him to his country and send him a living stipend each month," said Han Ki Man, Korean chairman of the Asian group and pastor of Yoido Baptist church in Seoul, which has helped support several Korean Baptist foreign missionaries. Han admitted it "never occurred" to him a missionary needs provision for children's education, possible sickness in the family, fellowship and growth opportunities on the field, and expenses related to the work.

The foreign missions discussion began last summer at a global evangelization consultation at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center. The Asians met there with Baptists from 15 other nations in Europe, Africa, and Latin America who have sent or plan to send missionaries abroad. Participants in the consultation, proposed by Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks, have now divided into five regional working committees, like the Asian group.

The Asians held the first regional group meeting after the consultation. In Hong Kong, they elected Han Ki Man chairman, pledged to work for support from their national conventions and agreed to submit proposals for cross-cultural mission projects when they met again.

The leaders didn't reach a consensus on which approach to pursue, but they agreed to take two actions:

— Establish a missions information center, possibly in Hong Kong, which will collect and distribute data on missions fields and opportunities from East and Southeast Asia; and

— Form a small committee to review, research, and make recommendations to the full group on possible joint mission projects.

A dramatic moment during the Seoul meeting came when the Thai representative, Pastor Sunthorn, called on his Asian colleagues to send missionaries to Thailand. He said white missionaries from the United States and elsewhere face an uphill battle in enlarging the tiny Christian population in predominantly Buddhist Thailand. No matter how good a job they do, he explained, Thais often view them as representatives of an imported, Western faith.

"But if you, brethren, come witnessing for Christ, they cannot say to you that Christianity is a Western religion," he told the Asians.

Erich Bridges writes for the Foreign Mission Board.



### Cuc Quim predicts doubling

Baptist leader Elias Cuc Quim walks with two of his daughters to Jericho Baptist Church in Champeguano, Guatemala. He's pastor of the church, a K'ekchi' Indian congregation. Baptist work among the K'ekchi' people is growing fast in Guatemala, with more than 100 churches operating. Cuc Quim predicts that number will expand to between 200 and 300 within 10 years. Baptist work blossomed after missionaries began working with the K'ekchi' people in the mid-1960s. Baptists in many countries plead for still more missionaries who are committed to working alongside them to win their countrymen to Christ. (FMB) PHOTO By Don Rutledge



# Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

## Four-day liberty celebration

There was no Fourth of July editorial on this page due to a variety of reasons. A lack of patriotism was not one of them. The main culprit was a vacation week shortly following the Southern Baptist Convention.

No matter. There would have been no way I could have expressed myself adequately, nor can I now. But I have just finished watching parts of the four-day celebration of freedom that our nation has been through that has been documented so very well by the American Broadcasting Company.

It was a magnificent spectacle. I didn't have a chance to sit and watch it all; but I did see the lighting of the new lamp on the Statue of Liberty by President Ronald Reagan, the fireworks show on Friday night, and parts of the closing ceremony on Sunday night. It was four days of fitting birthday observation for a wonderful country. While I must admit that I anticipated the Reagan presidency with some amount of reservation, he surely has accomplished a badly needed feat in American life. He has restored patriotism. The Vietnam war, the

revolt of the sixties, the Nixon resignation, and other problems had left us reeling. We had let patriotism fade away, and most of us were not complimentary of our country.

One could not have viewed much of the four-day celebration of freedom without recapturing a heart full of renewed patriotism.

Many people who were born in other countries and who have become Americans were part of the program. Many performers were called on to take part in an arena where they were not used to being seen. They all performed nobly.

An interesting part was the ice skating portion. These trained, dedicated, world-renowned skaters went out to skate with the knowledge that to skate with such expertise and abandon as they do is to risk the possibility of falling. Some of the biggest names in the world of skating did just that. They fell. They got up and skated again. That sort of seems to sum up the American spirit.

A particularly beautiful and inspiring part of the celebration was the

fireworks show. It seemed as though the totality of New York harbor was ablaze with programmed excitement. The final portion of a shower of sparks as if it were a fountain rising up around the Statue of Liberty was particularly beautiful.

I could say that I am proud to be an American, but then I had nothing to do with where I was born. I will say that I am glad to be an American. In the past four days we have seen a resurgence of American spirit such as I don't remember in my lifetime.

It all revolved around the unveiling of the restored Statue of Liberty. The first time I saw the statue I was on my way overseas to fight because we felt that our freedom was in jeopardy. We were going along the New Jersey coast by train, and I happened to look out the window and saw the statue from the back. Because we sailed at night and returned at night, I didn't see it again for many years.

"We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal . . ." says our Declaration of Independence. And to be equal means

to be free.

Our Statue of Liberty symbolizes that freedom; and we have just paid a meaningful four-day tribute to liber-

ty, to the statue that stands for it, to the men and women who have worked and fought for it through 210 years, and to our nation.

## Guest opinion . . .

### "Pitch in"

By Jean Allgood

There is no better way to see if one can adapt himself to any situation, I am convinced, than to do VOLUNTEER MISSION WORK! To do this work is one of the most gratifying and satisfying things which with I have ever been associated, and it has taught me WELL the scripture: "Whatsoever thy hands find to do, do with all thy might."

Since my stint as a secretary-bookkeeper at the Mission in Caracas, Venezuela, I have "pitched in" at Tacoma, Washington, with Spanaway Lake Church and also at Endicott, New York, with the Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church. Both of these places were in need of most any kind of help, and I tried to oblige them.

In Endicott I went with the expressed purpose of helping them to begin a singles ministry and a senior adult ministry. I found this a different task than any I had attempted before, due especially to the make-up of the city population. It is a city with a predominantly Catholic background; therefore, it was very difficult to know just where to begin with a BRAND NEW ministry. It was made even more difficult in that we had no funds with which to really "get on the ball." Praying for it, pleading, and petitioning homefolk at FBC in Gulfport, I got some monetary support. Beginning with a Christmas Day brunch for those LONELY, NOWHERE TO GO, AND NEEDING COMPANIONSHIP,

we had a good beginning — 29 showed up. From that, we began what was to be a good ministry. The pastor said that in the 24-year history of the church, nothing had this much interest. To God be the glory!!!! May it continue in his way.

Lincoln Avenue had no janitor, so I helped with this; it had no flower arranger — I helped with this; it had no bulletin board "fixer" — I did that; it had no regular substitute for the day-care, so I did that for three weeks each day. On and on and on . . . I loved it! "Pitch in" — that is the magic word. Pastor Roger Knapton was a jewel; he and I made several trips to pick up fruits and vegetables which were given by super markets. They would be distributed on Sundays to those who needed help. One day the phone rang and it was a young man who had a nursery and several greenhouses. He told me that he had hundreds of potted plants and hanging baskets that were going to freeze because he could not afford to keep them heated. Could we use any of them?? You bet!!! Pastor Knapton and I went out with his car and a large station wagon. We were given 85 of the loveliest plants and baskets I had ever seen!! Imagine our delight in getting to give nearly every person at church on Sunday a plant of their choice!

Now, as I sit here in Vancouver, B.C. (Canada), and type this, as I look out into the heavens and view God's han-

diwork of mountains and sky, I wonder where I will "pitch in" next. This is truly a marvelous city but one in which only 3 percent are Christian. It is truly "white unto harvest . . ."

My job as volunteer (Mission Service Corp) secretary of Expo '86 Ministries for the Capilano Baptist Association, is a very demanding one — truly, one has to "pitch in" here. There is an office staff of four who coordinate all the work for the Ministries at Expo '86 and yours truly is the sole secretary — work is the name of the game! I'm "oot and about"!!!!

There will be over 800 people from the United States who will come to minister in various ways at this place between May 15 and Oct. 15. Already we have had several groups who have proved to be invaluable in their varied abilities and ministries. (Dr. Pollard from FBC, Jackson, will be here July 3 to preach at Baptist Day at Expo). This will be a VERY BUSY TIME but one in which we hope to see souls saved and Canada reached for the Savior. The world is truly "coming to our door." We must all "pitch in" and make Expo '86 a time of remembering how the Lord used this secular event to secure the Savior in Surrey, Westminster, Burnaby, and all Vancouver — perhaps the entire country.

Jean Allgood is a mission volunteer worker from Gulfport.

## PSALM THAT HELPS TODAY'S WORLD FIND REST



## Part of SBC offering to aid Atlanta's poor

ATLANTA (BP) — The pastor who suggested the idea hopes the world hunger offering taken at the 1986 Southern Baptist Convention means Baptists "will leave something in Atlanta besides a bad name for all our squabbling."

Messengers gave \$28,753 to the offering taken on the second evening of the June convention in response to a motion by Charles Chilton, pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Dumfries, Va.

As recommended by Chilton, 20 percent of the contributions will be distributed through Atlanta Baptist Association "for the poor and homeless of Atlanta." The rest will be divided 60 percent to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and 20 percent to the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for hunger relief.

Last year, in response to a similar motion, SBC messengers in Dallas gave more than \$77,000 to a hunger relief offering.

Chilton said he decided to recommend an offering that would include the poor and hungry of the host city after preaching in an Atlanta church on Sunday before the convention. He learned from a church member a homeless woman had been living for

months in a car in the church parking lot.

Chilton, a former Southern Baptist missionary to the Philippines, has been concerned about world hunger throughout his ministry. "You can't ignore the issue after watching people eat out of your garbage cans," he says.

Referring to the amount of the offering, Chilton notes the offering timing and the convention atmosphere may have contributed to the poor showing compared to last year.

"I wish someone could have addressed the need for the offering and explained the reason for including a percentage for hunger ministry in the Atlanta area," he says. "Maybe that would have made a difference."

Another factor for the smaller offering, he suggests, was the offering was taken after a business session "when people weren't in a very good mood" rather than after the Foreign Mission Board's report as he had recommended.

At any rate, an offering for the homeless and the hungry ought to be something every Southern Baptist could support, Chilton says. "If we cared more about some of the real issues of life, maybe we wouldn't be so caught up in splitting theological hairs."

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## Summer missionaries serve throughout state

These are the student summer missionaries serving across Mississippi right now. From front left they are Dianne Claypool of Jackson; Cathy Simmons of Harrisonburg, Va.; Susan Wright of Belton, S.C.; Joanna Westbrook of Summit; Sharon Perkins of Irving, Tex.; back row: Roxanne McDaniel of McComb; Michelle Eaves of Clinton; Jennifer Cupp of Tazewell, Tenn.; Scott Reed of Louisville, Ky.; Ken Kirby of Bryan, Tex.; and Robert Smith of Irving, Tex.

Susan Wright is working at the Plaza Nursing Home in Pascagoula, ministering to the aging, helping write and read letters, and in personal assistance.

Ken Kirby is working in the West Port Seamen's Center, conducting day and evening ministries.

Jennifer Cupp and Sharon Perkins

are working on the coast assisting in Backyard Bible Clubs, VBS, Mission Bible Schools, International Bible Schools with the Vietnamese.

Robert Smith is working in Hernando in summer camps, VBS and youth groups.

Scott Reed and Roxanne McDaniel are providing worship and recreational activities for campers at Percy Quinn State Park and Bogue Chitto River Water Park.

Cathy Simmons and Joanna Westbrook are working in Clarksdale in the ministry center, assisting in VBS, day camps, and Backyard Bible Clubs.

And Michelle Eaves and Dianne Claypool are working with children, in VBS, making at home visits with a social worker, and helping with the relocation of the Baptist Mission Center in Jackson.



## Postal Rate Commission recommends ending subsidy

By Kathy Palen

WASHINGTON (BP) — Following an extensive study, the U.S. Postal Rate Commission has recommended Congress eliminate its current revenue foregone appropriation to subsidize postal rates for non-profit mailers.

In a report released June 18 and summarized during a joint congressional hearing, the commission also recommended the creation of separate subclasses for mail currently qualifying for preferred rates.

Postal rates for non-profit mailers — including state Baptist newspapers and some church newsletters — have been on a steady increase since 1970. At that time, Congress initiated a 16-step plan to phase out the federal subsidy providing reduced mailing rates for non-profit publications. Although step 15 of the plan was not scheduled to take effect until this summer, decreases in congressional appropriations pushed non-profit mailers beyond step 16 in early 1986.

The Postal Rate Commission was charged by the Consolidated Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1985 with studying possible reduction or recalculation.

What would a new subclass of postal rates mean for such publications as the *Baptist Record*? Writer Kathy Palen says that cannot be answered now. She says it could mean higher rates, but the rate increases would only come when all mailing costs go up, rather than the once or twice yearly increases faced currently. The subclass proposal is new, she says. In fact, when the Baptists made their testimony, the proposal had not been announced. Kathy Palen adds that the proposal is just that — and must be considered by Congress, then voted.

tion of the revenue foregone appropriation, as well as analyzing who uses and benefits from the special rates.

During the congressional hearing, Janet Steiger, Postal Rate Commission chairman, testified the commission's report "recommends a way of eliminating the revenue foregone appropriation entirely — except for the small amount needed for free mail for the blind and free voting-rights mail."

"Doing this would not harm the eligible non-profit mailers unduly, if at the same time you amended the rate-making statute to provide separate subclasses for them. If that were done, the Postal Rate Commission would be instructed, when recommending rates, to take into account the public benefits these organizations confer."

Steiger explained the subclass option would mean preferred-rate mailers would pay some share of "institutional" — or Postal Service overhead — costs, in addition to "attributable" — or actual mailing — costs.

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The Second Front Page

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## Missionaries to be advised on guarding against terrorism

By Bob Stanley

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) — A new document being prepared by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board suggests precautions missionaries can take as safeguards against terrorism.

The "Awareness Document on Field

Dangers," presented in draft form to the board's trustees at their June meeting, points out the likelihood of a missionary becoming a terrorist victim is far less than the danger from automobile accidents or common crime.

But it identifies steps missionaries can take if they do find themselves in dangerous situations and also outlines ways the board will seek to ensure their safety.

Among other advice, the document urges missionaries to be alert to local situations and potential danger, maintain simple lifestyles, vary their daily schedules and travel patterns, avoid provocative political statements, and be such dedicated, contributing members of their communities that this would discourage attack from any terrorist seeking popular support.

The statement reaffirms that the board would not pay ransom in a hostage situation because doing so would expose all missionaries as possible targets for such crimes.

Despite all precautions, the document says, missionaries should be aware that risks and dangers may be a part of their service. It points out cases in which missionaries have been targets of guerrilla or terrorist activity have been "remarkably few." But it also acknowledges God's servants "are not always spared difficul-

ty and suffering."

The document, when completed in September, will go to all active missionaries, candidates for missionary service before their appointment and volunteers. More discussion on ways to work safely overseas will occur during orientation before missionaries leave for field assignments.

Of more than 8,800 Southern Baptist missionaries who have served in the 141-year history of the Foreign Mission Board, nine have been murdered. Four of these killings were directly related to political turmoil. One of the earliest victims was J. Landrum Holmes, a missionary to China murdered in 1861 while he attempted to dissuade invaders from attacking a village during the Taiping Rebellion. The most recent victim of political change was Mississippi missionary Archie G. Dunaway Jr., killed by guerrillas in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) in 1978.

These figures compare to 12 missionaries who drowned or were on ships lost at sea, nine who were killed in car accidents, five who died in plane crashes, one who was killed on a hunting trip by a wounded buffalo, one who died as a prisoner of war held by the Japanese, and one who was killed during a typhoon.

Bob Stanley writes for the Foreign Mission Board.



## Bergerons to recruit volunteers

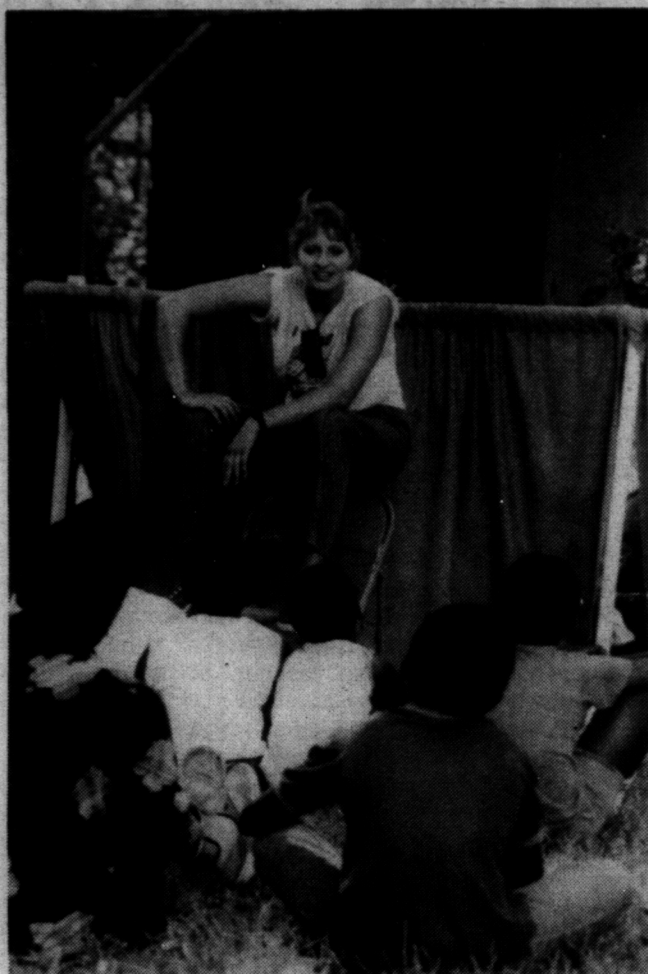
Mary Lee and Uless Bergeron have been named by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board as Mission Service Corps volunteer coordinators in the Gulf Coast Association. The couple, in the jewelry business in Bay St. Louis, will work as volunteers for the next two years informing and enlisting others in volunteer mission opportunities. Both have missions experience under their belts, she in Jamaica and Kenya, and he in Kenya. The couple were commissioned by their home church, First Church, Bay St. Louis, on May 18.



## Oklahomans help Crestwood Center



Youthful volunteers help in repair of a home owned by the Crestwood Center. On the ladder is Scott Murphy of Colonial Heights Jackson; obscured by the ladder are J. W. Clayton, a neighborhood youth who attends Brownsville Church and Blake Murphy of Colonial Heights Church; foreground on ladder is Andy Mills of Stillwater; and far right is Reginald Scott another neighborhood volunteer who attends Lane Chapel.



Debbie Miller, a student at Oklahoma Baptist University, and a sponsor on the mission trip, rivets the attention of neighborhood children during story time at VBS at Crestwood Baptist Center. Photos by Tim Nicholas.

## New lesson writers begin this week

New writers of Sunday School lesson commentaries for the Baptist Record are beginning their contributions this week.

Marjean Patterson of Clinton, executive director, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, is writing the Bible Book series. James W. Street, pastor, First Church, Cleveland, is doing the Life and Work commentaries. Robert Self, pastor, First Church, Brookhaven, is commenting on the Uniform lessons.

Miss Patterson has been executive director of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union since 1971. Before then, beginning in 1957, she was director of Young Woman's Auxiliary for Mississippi WMU and then state director of WMU.

A native of Atlanta, Ga., she is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and received a master of religious education degree from Carver School of Missions and Social Work, now a part of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Also she earned a master's degree from Mississippi College in education and counseling.

At Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, where she is a member, she is the WMU director, teaches an adult women's Sunday School class, and is a member of the Evangelism and Missions Committee. She is author of a book, *Covered Foundations*, a history of Mississippi WMU, and she writes a column regularly for the WMU newspaper, alongside.

James Street moved to the pastorate of First Church, Cleveland,



Self

Street

in 1980, from First Church, Wiggins. Two earlier pastorates had been at Enon, Franklinton, La., and Crystal Springs, Tylertown.

Born in Jackson, he received a B.A. degree from Mississippi College and B.D. and doctor of ministry degrees from New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Lynda Lewis of Jackson; they have a daughter, Christy, and a son, Scott.

Street is past chairman of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and has served as a member of the Education Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention, and as president of the Mississippi Chaplains' Fellowship.

He was commissioned a chaplain in the Mississippi Army National Guard in 1967 and currently is chaplain of the 631st Field Artillery Brigade in Grenada, with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Robert Self moved to the pastorate of First Church, Brookhaven, in 1981 from the pastorate of First Church, Batesville. Other pastorates had been in Scott, Holmes, Jasper, and Gulf Coast associations.

A native of Doddsville, he earned a B.A. degree from Mississippi College and two degrees from New Orleans Seminary — Th.M. with honors and

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Youths from University Heights Church, Stillwater, Okla., entertain children from the neighborhood around the Crestwood Baptist Center in Jackson. The center, operated by the Hinds-Madison Association, held two Vacation Bible Schools led by the Oklahomans.

## Bethany Church, Slate Spring, holds 150th

Bethany Church, Slate Spring, in Calhoun County will celebrate its sesquicentennial, July 20.

The church was organized July 16, 1836, with 29 members and is among the oldest churches in the state. A full day of activities has been planned.

Services begin at 10 a.m. with Marvin Bibb, former Calhoun director of missions, bringing the message. The program will include all former pastors who are present.

A fellowship meal will be served at noon. Afternoon services begin at 2 p.m. Bob Cook is pastor.

## Postal Rate Commission

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Adding that such a plan would result in mail users paying almost the entire cost of the Postal Service, Steiger said the division of that cost between preferred-rate mailers and regular-rate mailers would depend on the cost coverages assigned to the next general rate change.

Should Congress decide to continue the revenue foregone appropriation, the commission recommended a new system for determining the needed amount of appropriation. Through calculating revenue foregone by applying the same proportionate contribution to the institutional costs of the Postal Service that is made by regular-rate pieces, the appropriation would be reduced by about \$265 million a year, according to the report.

The commission's report also recommended restricting eligibility

for advertising or commercialized uses of non-profit rates. Currently, a non-profit organization that qualifies for the preferred rates is eligible to send all its second- or third-class mail at the lower rates.

In summarizing its report, the commission said, "We see no reason for public subsidization of non-profit publishers' advertising, which is in competition with commercial publishers' efforts."

Thus, the commission recommended such subsidy be continued for the editorial portion of the non-profit publication only, forcing the advertising portion to pay the regular rate.

The commission developed a general principle for judging whether advertising mail should receive any subsidy. That principle is based on "whether the activity or thing advertised is substantially related, other-

wise than just by raising funds, to the purpose of the non-profit organization."

The commission singled out two cases for special mention. First, it recommended requiring all promotion of travel and insurance to go at commercial postage rates. Second, it recommended judging products and services by whether they are actually made or rendered by the organization's members or beneficiary group.

In preparing its report, the commission held public hearings in Washington, and seven other cities. Three Southern Baptist representatives testified before the commission. Testifying were Bobby S. Terry, Missouri Word and Way editor; Presnall H. Wood, Texas Baptist Standard editor; and Jim Newton, Atlanta bureau chief of Baptist Press.

Kathy Palen writes for the BP Washington bureau.

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# Could help ministers

## Senate overwhelmingly passes own version of tax reform

By Kathy Palen

WASHINGTON (BP) — By a 97-3 margin, the U.S. Senate has passed its version of the tax reform bill, H.R. 3838.

During a roll-call vote June 24, senator after senator — with the exception of Sens. Carl Levin, D-Mich.; John Melcher, D-Mont.; and Paul Simon, D-Ill. — affirmed passage of the dramatic tax overhaul crafted by Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., and his Senate Finance Committee.

Senate and House of Representatives conferees, who are yet to be named, next will attempt to reconcile the just-passed Senate bill with the one approved by the House last December. Conference work is expected to begin in mid-July, following Congress' July Fourth recess.

Should a compromise be reached by the conferees, the conference report would have to be approved by both houses and signed by President Reagan.

Among the differences to be worked out is one concerning the tax-exempt status of church pension groups — including the Southern Baptist Annuity Board. While the Senate tax reform plan would retain current law allowing federal tax exemption for non-profit organizations offering "commercial-type insurance," the House version would repeal that exemption.

Specifying "annuity contracts shall be treated as providing insurance," the House legislation would strip the Annuity Board and other similar church pension and welfare groups of their federal tax exemption.

Another difference the conferees will face is over the eligibility of non-itemizing taxpayers to claim deductions for charitable contributions.

By rejecting an amendment sponsored by Sens. Robert W. Kasten Jr., R-Wis., and Daniel K. Inouye, D-Hawaii, to make such deductions permanent, the Senate agreed to allow a current provision for such deductions to expire as scheduled at the end of 1986.

The House version includes a permanent provision for non-itemizers annually to deduct all charitable contributions in excess of \$100.

The two plans also differ in regard to provisions for 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity contracts — such as those offered by the Annuity Board.

The House bill would distinguish between employer and employee contributions to 403(b) plans and place a \$7,000 cap on annual employee contributions. The House plan also would override a current provision that allows a participant to designate a portion of his salary as a "catch-up" device for years in which he was able to put little or nothing into a retirement plan.

By retaining current law regarding 403(b) plans, the Senate version differs with each of those provisions. The Senate bill, however, would restrict individuals covered by a tax-favored retirement plan — such as a 403(b) plan — from deducting their contributions to Individual Retirement Accounts.

Both versions would reinstate clergy housing benefits. Under cur-

rent tax law, only ministers who occupied their residence or had a contract to purchase one by Jan. 1, 1983, are eligible to declare mortgage interest and property tax deductions in addition to tax-exempt housing allowances. Even that limited eligibility is scheduled to extend only through tax year 1986.

Under both bills, the reinstatement would be retroactive, meaning ministers unable to claim mortgage interest and property tax deductions for tax years 1983 and 1984 would be eligible to file amended returns to seek refunds.

In addition, both versions would allow churches that elected to claim exemption from paying Social Security taxes for their non-ministerial employees to revoke that election.

A 1983 change in Social Security laws forced churches — and all other non-profit organizations — to participate in the nation's retirement system by paying the employer's share of Social Security taxes and withholding the employee's portion for all non-ministerial employees. In 1984, Congress approved a compromise permitting churches — including conventions, associations, church schools and church-controlled organizations — a one-time election not to participate "for religious reasons" in Social Security on behalf of their non-ministerial employees.

By law, ministers will continue to participate in Social Security as self-employed persons.

Kathy Palen writes for the BP Washington bureau.

## Education voucher proposal 'on hold' for time being

By Kathy Palen

WASHINGTON (BP) — When U.S. Secretary of Education William Bennett introduced a proposed educational voucher plan last fall, he predicted it would be in place by July 1. As the summer slips by, however, it appears the proposed legislation is, as a House aide stated it, "on hold and most likely nothing will happen" during this congressional session.

Although an Education Department spokesman said the legislation, known as The Equity and Choice Act of 1985 (TEACH), remains a high priority for his agency, press aides for the Senate and House committees to which the voucher proposal was referred said the department has stopped efforts to push through the legislation.

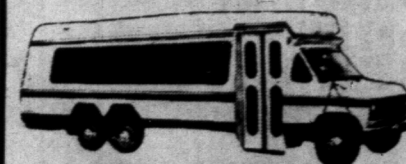
Ken Terrell of the department's Office of Private Education said his agency will continue to work with the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee and House Education and Labor Committee on the TEACH bill. He conceded, however, the proposal probably will stand a better chance of passage during the next session of Congress at which time the legislative branch will face reauthorization of the entire Chapter 1 program.

Currently under Chapter 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, federal funds go to public schools that provide compensatory education services for children who are economically and educationally disadvantaged. The proposed voucher program would allow parents of those children to obtain vouchers that in turn could be "spent" at the

school — public or private — of the parents' choosing.

Bennett repeatedly has vowed to find a way around a year-old Supreme Court decision that held unconstitutional a New York City program that sent public school employees into private schools to provide specialized services under Chapter I. He called the TEACH bill a ticket for parents to find the best possible schools — including private, church-related elementary and secondary schools — for their children.

Kathy Palen writes for the BP Washington Bureau.



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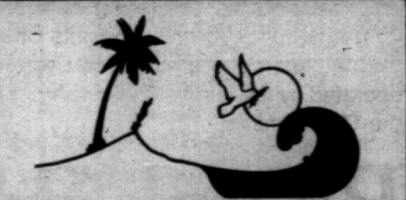
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## BJCPA head urges Congress to avoid taxing churches

By Kathy Palen

WASHINGTON (BP) — While members of the House of Representatives waited for news of final Senate action on the current tax reform bill, they received a separate, yet related, message.

That message — delivered through letters from Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Executive Director James M. Dunn and copies of Southern Baptist Convention-approved resolutions — urged each congressman to help in eliminating a House tax reform provision that if incorporated into the House-Senate compromise on the tax reform legislation would tax church pension boards.

"I am sure you do not want to allow the Congress to say, in effect, to the churches, 'We will tell you that caring for the elderly, ill and widowed servants of the churches is not a part of your ministry,'" Dunn wrote. "Since it is a part of the ministry of the church it should retain exemption."

Dunn's letter referred to language in the House bill specifying "annuity contracts shall be treated as providing insurance." Coupled with a pro-

vision to repeal federal tax exemption for non-profit organizations offering "commercial-type insurance," that language would strip church pension and welfare groups — including the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board — of their tax-exempt status.

The Baptist Joint Committee head asked House members to express concern about the threat to church pension groups to colleagues on the House Ways and Means Committee. Selected members of that committee will join Senate conferees in trying to reconcile the two versions of the tax reform bill, H.R. 3838.

Dunn also wrote separate letters to Ways and Means Committee members. Accompanying those letters were copies of two resolutions — one passed June 11 by the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Atlanta and another passed earlier by the SBC Executive Committee.

"For Congress to suggest it has the right to determine the mission and purpose of the church raises serious constitutional questions," Dunn warned. "The pension boards of the churches, along with other not-for-profit agencies, would be taxed on their ministry of caring for their own retired, disabled ministers and their widows, unless this serious flaw is corrected."

Meanwhile, Dunn also wrote to congratulate Senate members on their passage of tax reform legislation that leaves church pension boards' federal tax exemption in place. Dunn also offered the Baptist Joint Committee's assistance during the conference process.

Kathy Palen writes for BP Washington bureau.

## BMC launches teacher assistants degree program

Summer term at Blue Mountain College began July 7.

A special program designed to assist teacher assistants in obtaining a bachelor's degree in education has been launched at Blue Mountain. The program enables the student to begin either in the summer term of 1986 or fall. Classes are arranged so students may earn six credit hours the second summer session and six credit hours in each of the fall and spring semesters.

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On July 10, faculty and staff members will meet with those interested in participating. Participants should report at 9:30 a.m. to the BMC Student Center on the Blue Mountain College campus.

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## Church takes to street

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Instead of having a Sunday evening worship service, members of Hwai Ning Baptist Church in Taipei head for the busy street outside the church to share Christ with people there. Members invite interested listeners inside to hear a five-minute presentation of the gospel.

In the last four years more than 25,000 people have heard the message, and about a third of them have expressed a desire to know more about Christ. More than 100 people have become members of the church or other local churches as a result of the street ministry.

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## Baptists follow in Bonnie's wake

DALLAS (BP) — The Texas Baptist Disaster Relief Mobile Unit and a team of eight volunteers fed victims of Hurricane Bonnie in Port Arthur, Texas, on June 26.

By the following day, emergency relief services no longer were required, and the unit left the disaster site. The disaster team was on standby status in Huntsville, Texas, when the call came from Port Arthur American Red Cross Director James Broussard, requesting the mobile unit and field kitchen.

## Two of porn commission dissent

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP) — Two members of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography have filed a written dissent from the commission's conclusion that pornography can lead to violence.

"The idea that 11 individuals studying in their spare time could complete a comprehensive report on so complex a matter in so constructed a time frame is simply unrealistic," said the dissenting panelists, Judith Becker, a psychology professor at Columbia University, and Ellen Levine, editor of Woman's Day magazine.

The two criticized the material presented to the panel as "skewed to the very violent and extremely degrading," and suggested that the commission's findings would have been different if the materials under study had been more representative of general pornography.

## Bibles still scarce commodity in China

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (EP) — Non-members of the government-recognized Three-Self Patriotic Movement (TSPM) in China still find it practically impossible to obtain Bibles, although TSPM officials claim Bibles are available, according to Open Doors News Service.

According to Open Doors, evidence of rampant discrimination against house church members was recently illustrated in a case involving believers living in Zhejiang Province, where they number more than 300,000.

According to a recent visitor to China, preachers from the largely rural province were allowed to purchase 600 Bibles from the TSPM Church offices in the city of Wenzhou. Upon returning to their village the next day, they were told by security police that their lack of membership in a recognized church made them ineligible to buy Bibles. The Bibles were seized and their money was not returned.

Whether we know it or not, we're all engaged in selling something — if not our wares, then our personalities, our services, our ideas. As a matter of fact, all human relationships are based upon selling of one kind or another, and we all engage in it whenever we undertake to persuade others to our way of thinking. — Claude Bristol.

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## Argentine group visits Britain

LONDON — "I cannot expect Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and President Raul Alfonsin to sing peace, but I can expect the church to live that peace!" said Argentinean Hugo Marquez to the National Baptist Youth Assembly.

Marquez, one of a visiting group of young Argentinean Baptists, preached the closing sermon of the NBYA meeting held recently at College Road Baptist Church, Harrow, London. "God abolished enmity through Christ," he said. "We are not two countries — we are not Argentinean and you British — we are Jesus Christ's people. We are one people in him."

Christian faith must be stronger than national interest, continued Marquez. "It is hard to say that here, and even harder to say that in Argentina, but that is what God's word says."

The Argentinean delegation was returning the visit that British young people had made to Argentina for the 10th Baptist Youth World Congress to Buenos Aires in 1984, BMS News reported.

## Bible Society president appointed

NEW YORK, N.Y. (EP) — Philippine President Corazon Aquino has appointed the president of Philippine Bible Society, a partner of the American Bible Society, as her country's ambassador to the United States.

Having served his country as a legislator since 1949, Ambassador Emmanuel N. Pelaez has long been active in a number of Christian organizations including Prison Fellowship International.

## Greece passes abortion law

ATHENS, Greece (EP) — The Greek Parliament has passed a law permitting Greek women to have abortions on demand at state expense.

The legislation, passed by acclamation June 12, replaces a rarely-enforced 1950 law that made abortion in the first three months of pregnancy, but says abortion should not be used as a means of birth control. The new law also provides free family planning counseling and contraceptive devices for women.

## Tent Mission begun

RATINGEN, Federal Republic of Germany — The 1986 Tent Mission is on the road to 42 sites in the republic. This annual summer project of the Baptist Union (BEFG) in the Federal Republic of Germany began this year's "season" with an 8-day visit to Ratingen.

The Ratingen congregation plans to continue the impulse begun by the tent mission with a weekly puppet ministry for children.

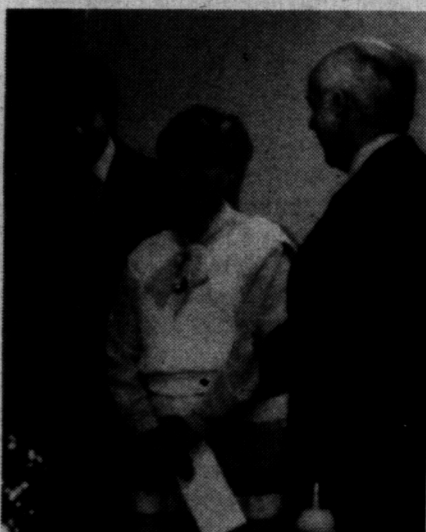


## Choctaw church receives check

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board through its state mission offering recently presented a check for \$2,500 to the Pearl River Community Baptist Church in New Choctaw Association near Philadelphia. The money is to assist the church in improvements and additions to its buildings.

Charlie Denson, Convention Board member, presented the check to Lee Bacon, treasurer of the Pearl River Community Church. Left to right are Clay Gibson, pastor, Pearl River Community Church; Bacon; Denson; and Glenn Smith, director of missions, New Choctaw Association.

## Names in the News



First Church, Starkville, recently presented a love gift to Eddie and Marilyn Graves, missionaries to Chile, and program participants during WMU focus week. Mrs. James Fancher, WMU president, was also on program.

The pastor, R. Raymond Lloyd (pictured) made the presentation.

Chester Estes Jr., prayer evangelist with Prayer Time Ministries in Union, has been invited by representatives of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta to attend the International Conference for Itinerant Evangelists. He has been interim pastor at Sand Hill Church, Philadelphia since December 1985. He is a certified instructor in Prayer for Spiritual Awakening Seminars for the HMB.

Joe McKeever, former pastor of First Church of Columbus, was recently elected president of the national alumni association of New Orleans Seminary. Other newly-elected officers are Ron Meyer, president-elect; Randall O'Brien, secretary; and Robert E. Lee, treasurer.

Donald I. Pouns, student at New Orleans Seminary, states that he is available for supply, full-time, or associate pastorate, or youth work. Pouns, a former resident of McComb and former member of the Locust Street Baptist Church there, was licensed to the gospel ministry at Locust Street in 1978. Born in New Orleans, he was graduated from North Pike High School and Southwestern Mississippi Junior College at Summit and attended William Carey College. He is married to the former Debby L. Dunaway. He may be contacted at 4009 Mirabeau St., New Orleans, La. 70126 (phone 504-282-2930).

DALLAS (BP) — Mary Crowley, 71, founder of Home Interiors and Gifts, Inc., and a Baptist philanthropist, died June 18 at Baylor University Medical Center here.

Crowley was one of the largest direct-sales corporations in the nation.

When Dallas Baptist University faced financial difficulties in 1982, Crowley pledged \$1 million to the Texas Baptist school over a five-year period. She also made other gifts to the university and to First Church, Dallas, her home church. Crowley was the first woman to be named to the board of directors of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

W. D. Clark, 74, of Ackerman, was licensed to the gospel ministry by Bethlehem Church, Choctaw County. He is available for supply work. He may be contacted through the church at Rt. 1, Box 89, Ackerman, Miss. 39735.

Jerry and Betty Swimmer of Iuka, will participate in a worldwide conference of evangelists sponsored by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, July 12-21 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The couple were selected from more than 20,000 applicants to participate along with 8,000 evangelists in the International Conference for Itinerant Evangelists.

Brad Roderick was ordained on June 22 at 7 p.m. by Parkway Church, Jackson, as a minister of the gospel. He served as youth assistant at Parkway for three years (1981-84) while he was attending Mississippi College. In August he will graduate from New Orleans Seminary with a master of divinity degree. He has served as a summer missionary in Florida, and will be a church planter apprentice in Missouri through the Home Mission Board, beginning in August. For the future, he has plans to serve on a foreign field, perhaps in France.

Three men have recently been named as officers of the Scott County Association Pastor's Conference. Gayden Harrell, of Brandon, pastor of Branch Church, was elected president. LaVerne Summerlin, of Morton, pastor of Cooperville Church, was elected program chairman. And J. C. Hawthorne, of Forest, pastor of Homewood Church, was re-elected as secretary-treasurer. Holmes H. Carlisle is director of missions.

## Letters indicate Ecuador in revival

QUITO, Ecuador (EP) — Mail response from radio listeners in the West African nation of Angola has led personnel at radio station HCJB here to feel that spiritual revival is underway. John Braun, director of the station's Portuguese Language Service, stated that more of the letters came from young people attending high schools and colleges in the Marxist state.

"Nearly all who wrote," he said, "have the same request: 'Please send us Bibles.' We don't have enough Portuguese Bibles, so we've been sending them gospels of John." Braun added that many correspondents also asked how to find the "way to freedom."

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## Religious freedom

Editor:

In his Systematic Theology, Paul Tillich charges fundamentalism with "demonic traits" and destroying "the humble honesty of the search for truth" (p. 3). Therefore, the election of another fundamentalist as the president of the Southern Baptist Convention is deeply regrettable, especially since Adrian Rogers regards our seminaries as "training schools" instead of places of academic inquiry.

This anti-intellectual attitude was made clear in the censorship and eventual revision of the first volume of the Broadman Commentary in the early '70s, and now the effective squelching of academic freedom in our seminaries threatens theological scholarship and the God-given responsibility to use our minds and our hearts to interpret the Bible.

Religious freedom is the issue. Freedom to believe what God leads one to believe, freedom to preach what God inspires one to preach, freedom to read and interpret the Bible as the Holy Spirit leads, and freedom to witness to what God has done in our lives.

I have been an active Southern Baptist for 30 years, and I encourage Southern Baptists everywhere to insist on freedom in our theological seminaries, in our colleges and universities, and in our pulpits.

David H. Roberts  
Hattiesburg

## Back to basics

Editor:

By choice I have been a Southern Baptist all my life, and I will die a Southern Baptist. I was educated in public schools and attended a state-supported college. Upon God's calling me into the ministry, I attended a Southern Baptist seminary, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. I praise and thank God for that institution.

I wish to only make one observation about our SBC life. I attended my first convention in Atlanta. Upon talking with convention goers of previous years, they told me the biggest attended events were Home and Foreign Mission programs. That's no longer true. I support the election of president and officers, but that is not what Baptists were founded on. I feel like its time we got back to the main reason we were established, missions and evangelism.

If we would be about the task of telling and winning people to Christ, the controversy in SBC life would slowly diminish. Remember Bold Mission Thrust!!

Please, I know and am aware we need a leader to direct us in the convention. I support that; but when people begin to carry Roberts Rules of Order to the convention instead of a Bible, we Baptists are in trouble.

It's time we focused our undivided attention upon the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and not upon ourselves. Peace and harmony in the convention are needed, but it will not happen till people get themselves right with Jesus.

It is my feeling that Baptists are working together better, but we still need everyone's prayers. If we get

back to the basics of missions and evangelism, the SBC next year in St. Louis will be a marvelous meeting, especially the Home and Foreign Mission programs.

May each of us allow God to work in and through us so peace and harmony can come. Please remember that our missionaries are counting on us.

Kent H. Cochran, pastor  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Louisville

## Miracles or parables?

Editor:

When the Peace Committee finally admitted that we indeed have these who hold opinions or views which are not held by the vast majority of Southern Baptists, I was glad that you editorialized that it caused you some concern.

You said that those who held that some of the miracles were parables did not tell us WHICH ONES were, in fact, miracles and which ones were parables and that this disturbed you. It disturbs me, too!

I agree with the letter of Mr. Clifford C. Davidson in the Record of June 26, 1986. Your position seems to have softened.

If 99 percent of Southern Baptists "have little interest" in the battle, we have already lost. I believe, however, that 1 percent of 14,000,000 would be only 140,000 rather than the 1.4 million you computed. If you meant to say that 1.4 million do care then at least we have 10 percent involved.

Let us try to define "Liberal" Baptists same as a "Liberal" U.S. Supreme Court member: "One who chooses not to interpret the Word but to substitute his opinion as to what the Word should say."

Ray V. Sims  
Jackson

You are right. My math failed me there, and I got the decimal point in the wrong place. One percent of 14 million is only 140,000 rather than 1.4 million. The larger figure would put the uninvolved more in the category described by both Adrian Rogers and Winfred Moore, who said that 90 percent of Southern Baptists agree with them. I am saying that at least 90 percent really don't know what the issue is or what it is all about.

I have not softened my position. If the Bible describes a miracle, I am positive it was a miracle and not a parable. But even if someone were to convince us all that some of the miracles were indeed parables, then someone is going to have to be responsible for telling us which is which. — Editor.

## Disability income

Editor:

In the June 12, issue of the Baptist Record an editorial by Don McGregor urges churches to provide adequate care for staff members through the Annuity program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In the same issue in a letter to the editor, Aubrey Jones is mentioned by a writer as being totally disabled and that it will take months for his annuity to develop and even that will be extremely small.

When a preacher becomes disabled he has to wait five months before he receives a disability check from the Annuity Board. My question is, why does a disabled preacher have to wait five months to begin drawing from the Annuity Board? If there is a reason for the five months wait, why does the Annuity Board not make back payments for the five months waiting period?

Bobby Lee  
Tupelo

The reason is that when a church and pastor participate in the basic annuity plan, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board pays the \$200 annually that funds the disability or protection plan of the annuity program. Thus the church and pastor do not pay on that portion. Disability programs vary from company to company and from program to program. All have waiting periods, or they have extremely high premium fees, I am told by Bill Sellers, annuity representative for Mississippi. The Convention Board felt that the five-month waiting period with the \$200 annual fee was the best combination of waiting period and premium that was available. — Editor

## Show God's love

Editor:

I am writing in response to Mr. Davidson's letter in the June 26, 1986 issue of the Baptist Record. I must wholeheartedly agree with the editor's response: Most Baptists do not care about the battle. It greatly disturbs me that the battle can be called a "war." Have we as Baptists forgotten what type of love God wants us to have for each other? We need to remember that a man can be true in his doctrinal stance and yet still have attitudes and desires in his heart which displease God. And it is the heart God looks at.

God is never the author of confusion or hate. The trouble with our convention right now is not "liberals" or "moderates" as much as it is the spread of hatred. The lost world does not see our doctrinal stances and how strongly we believe them. They instead see the hatred we use to defend those stances.

Personally, I believe God's word is true. I think you will find that almost all Baptists agree with that statement — even "liberals" and "moderates." Let's learn to build each other up instead of hurting each other! Let's learn to show God's love.

Mike Hudson  
Osyka, MS

Amen. — Editor

## Editor's Note

A letter titled "help for pastor" in the issue of June 26 was reportedly signed by all the members of Pine Grove Church in Clarke Association who were present at the meeting. Since the BAPTIST RECORD does not carry multiple signatures on letters, we used only the signature of the one who mailed it to us. This was Sherry Wade, the church treasurer. It needs to be noted, however, that hers was not the only signature in the original action. It was the only one received by the BAPTIST RECORD. And she was not the writer of the letter. — Editor



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In a recent article you said that a chemically dependent person's treatment puts him in touch with reality. What if the reality he faces reveals the tremendous damage he has caused his family because of his selfishness, irresponsibility, and enormous financial loss which, I suppose, are related to his disease? I'm talking about a person who is approaching 60 who has probably been an alcoholic since college days. Is there any hope for someone like this to fully recover?

Yes, there is hope. As a person faces reality squarely and honestly, he is bound to hurt. That's O.K. A person must experience the pain that he has partially escaped from through

the use of alcohol. The treatment experience, then, will become beneficial to the extent that he does face reality. Only at this time can he look up, accept his disease, and begin to surrender. Spiritual help will be available, and the person may start a new life. He will do so without relying upon chemicals or denying to himself of the realities, which include the irresponsible behavior.

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# Rehnquist's church-state views known; Scalia has yet to rule on such issues

WASHINGTON (BP) — While Chief Justice-designate William Hubbs Rehnquist's views on church-state relations are well known as a result of 14 years' service on the U.S. Supreme Court, those of Antonin Scalia — to be nominated by President Reagan as Rehnquist's replacement as an associate justice — are largely unknown to the American people.

Both men personally are devoutly religious. Rehnquist and his wife are active members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in suburban Bethesda, Md., while Scalia and his family belong to a Roman Catholic parish in McLean, Va. Both hold strong views on many of the pressing moral issues of the day, including persistent opposition to abortion.

On purely church-state issues, however, Scalia's positions are unknown because during his four years as a federal judge he has yet to rule in an important church-state case. Altogether, he has written some 100 opinions.

Scalia, (pronounced Sku-LEE-ah), 50, is the only child of a Sicilian immigrant and the first Italian American to be nominated to the nation's high court. He and his wife, the former Maureen McCarthy, have nine children. Scalia was born March 11, 1936, in Trenton, N.J.

A summa cum laude graduate of Georgetown University and magna cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School, where he was editor of the Harvard Law Review, he is a former Justice Department official and law school professor. From 1974 to 1977 he headed the Office of Legal Counsel at the Justice Department. He taught in the law schools at the University of Chicago, Stanford University, Georgetown University, and the University of Virginia.

Appointed by Reagan in 1982 to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia — considered second in importance only to the Supreme Court — Scalia's views on a wide variety of issues closely conform to those of the president and Rehnquist. He is an advocate of judicial restraint, the view that federal courts should act reticently in reviewing laws passed by Congress or state legislatures.

Rehnquist, 61, was born in Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 1, 1924. After growing up in a Milwaukee suburb, he enrolled at Stanford University, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in political science and was Phi Beta Kappa. After earning a second master's degree at Harvard, he returned to Stanford's law school, where he graduated first in his class and was a classmate of Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. He then was chosen as a

law clerk at the Supreme Court by Justice Robert H. Jackson.

Rehnquist practiced law in Phoenix, Ariz., from 1953 to 1969, when he was named as assistant attorney general by Richard M. Nixon. Two years later, Nixon nominated him to the Supreme Court. He was sworn in Jan. 7, 1972.

Considered the strongest advocate of judicial restraint among present justices, Rehnquist's church-state views have been consistent. He favors public aid to parochial schools and generally takes the side of free exercise of religion when that right clashes with its First Amendment twin, the Establishment Clause. (The First Amendment reads in part, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof . . .")

Rehnquist spelled out his church-state philosophy most fully in his dissenting opinion last year in *Wallace v. Jaffree*, a 6-3 decision striking down Alabama's mandatory silent prayer statute. In that opinion, which Rehnquist hopes will become the blueprint for a thoroughgoing reassessment of church-state law sometime in the future, he urged his colleagues to scrap Thomas Jefferson's famous metaphor of a wall of separation between church and state.

"It is impossible to build sound constitutional doctrine upon a mistaken understanding of constitutional history," he wrote, "but unfortunately the Establishment Clause has been expressly freighted with Jefferson's misleading metaphor for nearly 40 years."

Jefferson coined the phrase in an 1801 letter to the Danbury (Conn.) Baptist Association, writing, "I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation of church and state."

In his *Jaffree* dissent, Rehnquist engaged in what critics have called historical revisionism by choosing parts of the debate in the first Congress leading up to adoption of the First Amendment to demonstrate that the Establishment Clause "did not require government neutrality between religion and irreligion nor did it prohibit the federal government from providing nondiscriminatory aid to religion."

He concluded, "There is simply no historical foundation for the proposition that the framers intended to build the 'wall of separation' . . ."

Stan Hastey writes for the BP Washington bureau.

## Emphasis on hell declining, notes church historian

CHICAGO, ILL. (EP) — Contemporary Christians place less emphasis on Hell than Christians in past generations, according to Church historian Martin Marty.

"I have no doubt that the passing of

hell from modern consciousness — compare the art of the Christian past with piety today — is one of the major if still largely undocumented modern trends," Marty notes in an article for the *Lutheran*, a publication

of the Lutheran Church in America. Marty says that while neither Catholics nor Protestants have totally discounted doctrines of Hell, both are "ceasing to make much of them."

The exceptions, he notes, are some

fundamentalists, such as television preacher Jimmy Swaggart. Marty notes, however, that Swaggart's hellfire and brimstone is reserved for "secular humanists and Soviet communists, not for the nice people in the

congregation or on the other side of the tube."

A 1983 poll of U.S. Catholic readers showed that only one percent pictured Hell as a possibility for them, and only 22 percent believed Hitler would spend eternity in Hell. "If not he, who?" asks Marty.



## Faces And Places

by anne washburn mcwilliams

### "God works in mysterious ways"

An invitation to Brazil for a service at the Maracanazinho Stadium in Rio on May 31 I really would have liked to accept.

David Gomes (whose story I told in the book, *When Faith Triumphs*) wrote me that the Church of Hope, where he is pastor, and the Bible School of the Air, on which he preaches, are completely out of debt. The Building of Faith, a 22-story building project begun in faith by a congregation then of 19 members, is paid for, as well as a smaller adjacent building called the Building of Love. The service was to celebrate.

On May 31, in spite of rain, the thanksgiving service went on as planned. Two large choirs sang and the Navy Band played the national anthem and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." David preached on Ephesians 3:20-21: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Thirty made professions of faith at the invitation.

Because of the terrific inflation rate in Brazil, some had said, "This debt will never be retired." The debt on the

buildings by late last fall had been reduced to \$90,000. Then David offered the bank one floor of the Building of Faith, in exchange for cancellation of all indebtedness. (Since he had an offer of \$55,000 for one floor, this was considerably above apparent market price.)

A newsletter edited by Owen Cooper reported, "This was unprecedented. The bank had foreclosed on property before, but had never exchanged a portion of mortgaged property for indebtedness. David prayed, the directors of David Gomes Ministries prayed, the Church of Hope prayed, other friends of David and their churches prayed, the situation looked impossible.

"One of the problems lay in the fact that this was a relatively small transaction for a very large bank and that it had never been done before. Matters of that nature tend to get put aside, neglected, forgotten, period."

However, when David's son, Marcos, went to the bank to try to complete the transaction, one particular paper was needed, and it appeared impossible to get. But working in the department handling this transaction was a dedicated Christian woman who saw the papers and said, "Bible School of the Air? David Gomes? He

baptized me 41 years ago in Tijuca Baptist Church." She saw that the "impossible" item not be forgotten, but acted upon immediately.

On December 30, 1985, David signed the deed at 4:15 p.m. and Marcos took it to the Federal Bank an hour after the normal closing time.

"God works in mysterious ways," Mr. Cooper said. "Who knows but that this lady had come to the kingdom of such an hour as this?" And David writes, "God did it."

David Gomes continues to work as pastor; radio preacher (Bible School of the Air broadcasts 500 programs a month); revival evangelist; seminary teacher (in two Baptist seminaries he teaches Theology of Prayer and Contemporary Theology); and church planter. He is beginning a television ministry also.

First Church, Yazoo City, has helped to sponsor two of the many missions of the Church of Hope. One of the church's missions is the Central do Brasil congregation in downtown Rio near the railroad station. Five seminary students are leaders there. Drug addicts and prostitutes have been among the converts, so that a sort of halfway house, David Gomes, says, would be helpful in getting these back into the mainstream of society.

### 176 attend Newton Bible drill banquet

Newton County Baptists held their annual Bible Drill Awards Banquet May 26 at First Church, Union, with 176 people in attendance. This included pastors, drill leaders, parents and family members of participants. A total of 81 children and youths participated from 12 churches.

Each participant in the 1986 Bible Drills received a trophy from the Newton County Association. Charles Melton is director of missions; Terrell Suggs is pastor of First Church, Union; Robin Nichols, Church Training consultant with the MBCB, was banquet speaker. Churches represented included Emmanuel; Pinckney; Chunky; Mt. Vernon; First, Union; First, Newton; Hickory; Calvary; Clarke Venable; Beat Line; Sulphur Springs; and Hopewell.

### Arkansas couple honors son by endowing chair

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Mr. and Mrs. Hill Williams of Fort Smith, Ark., have committed \$500,000 to establish an endowed professorship at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The Donald L. Williams Chair of Old Testament Interpretation will recognize the Williams' son, who taught at Southern Seminary from 1961 until his death in 1983 from cancer.

### Mississippi Baptist activities

July 14-26 Simultaneous Backyard Bible Club/Mission VBS Promotion (SS emphasis in every church)

CAPETOWN, South Africa (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries and the Baptist Union of South Africa have begun sheltering homeless black African youths near the violence-stricken area around Cape Town, South Africa.

Using relief funds from Southern Baptists and donations from within the Baptist union, workers at the home are preparing for an influx of refugees fleeing battles between rival blacks in the sprawling shanty settlement of Crossroads.

The home, named Khayamandi, was opened in the black community of Langa in May to help Xhosa-speaking youths who left their homelands to come to the city and survive by living on the street and doing odd jobs. But now, Khayamandi (meaning "sweet home") promises also to be a shelter for youths whose homes in nearby Crossroads have been burned and whose parents have been killed.

The Western Province Baptist Association, part of the Baptist union, has taken special interest in Khayamandi, but other Baptists are

interested, too. "I'm getting calls from all over the country (South Africa) from Baptists asking, 'How can we help, and what do you need?'" said missionary Terry Blakley, project director for the orphanage.

"It is cold here and it is raining, and Red Cross tents have been burned down by faction fighting," said Blakley. In winter on the cape along the South Atlantic Ocean, wind and rain are relentless. Up to 70,000 people are said to be without homes, some wandering about looking for places to stay and many wrapped in wet blankets and shivering in the rain.

Not only churches, but individuals, too, are calling in donations to Blakley. "They want to help," she said. "People have been frustrated because they've not known what to do or how to do it. This is a channel through which they can express their Christian concern."

Blakley and her husband, Keith, who work with Baptist youth at the University of Cape Town, were touched about a year ago with the plight of the thousands of young boys called "strollers." Strollers haunt shopping



Francis

### Devotional

## Let's check our temperature!

By Rossie Francis  
Matthew 24:12

I have found that it is important to make or take temperature checks in all areas of life. For instance, our bodies must remain at a particular temperature. When we drive our cars, we must make sure they remain at a certain degree or level. Even our homes, if they are not kept at certain levels on the thermometer, it's almost impossible to live or sleep there. Most of our

dairy products must remain at certain temperatures or else they melt or spoil. I have noticed that hospitals stay pretty cold because of the computerized and sensitive equipment that they use.

Our text, Matthew 24:12 states: "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters, for he will love one and hate the other, or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other." The Bible says, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad" (Matt. 12:30). We are either on the left or the right; we can't

go into two directions at the same time.

Revelation 3:15-16 says, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." Are you one who is growing cold and callous to the Lord and his will for your life? There were times when you were so excited about the Lord (fired up!). Now the temperature is changing. There's a coldness to the Holy Spirit. You run from service to the Lord; be careful of a temperature change. Something must cause a temperature change. What is it?

Why are there so many Christians falling by the wayside? Our scripture for today says because iniquity (lawlessness, unrighteousness, and transgression against the law) shall abound. Sin will separate and saturate. Sin is a killer and destroyer. Isaiah 59:2 says, "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." Sin appeals to the flesh and eyes. Sin appears as light. Sin kills the communication, closeness, and contact of the Holy Spirit. Sin (iniquity) eliminates the burning within our hearts, and blinds us to the vision of the Lord so we can't see through our spiritual eyes and understand the will of God. So iniquity (sin) affects and changes our temperature. Remember! You can't continue in iniquity and keep that same burning temperature. Sin brings on a coldness to the Spirit of the Lord.

Sin affects your love. Your reaction to the Lord changes as your temperature changes. Sin causes us to fear (doubt and distrust). There is no fear in love, for perfect love casteth out fear (1 John 4:18). There is no way you can run from God and truly love him. Jesus said, "If a person loves me, they will keep my commandment." Sin affects your temperament (temperature). Make sure you continue to love God and his word. You are cold if you run from God; you are hot if you run to God. Which way is your temperature going, COLD or HOT?

Rossie Francis is pastor, Faith Obedience Baptist Church, Biloxi.

### Channeling Christian concern

## Baptists shelter youths in South African fighting

By Marty Croll

areas, where they offer to carry bags or do other odd jobs to earn money. They sleep on the streets and sniff glue to escape hunger and the nausea that accompanies disease.

In May, just after the Blakleys and Baptists in the area secured a site for an orphanage in the nearby township of Langa, fighting broke out in Crossroads. When Xhosa-speaking African ministers told Blakley they knew of several refugee orphans from Crossroads, she sought relief funds from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The earliest request, dated June 11, included \$13,000 to feed and shelter up to 50 orphans whose parents have been killed at Crossroads.

Trouble in Crossroads erupted when black Africans who fled their homelands began fighting each other in the squatter region. One group was said to be trying to win favor with the government by driving out groups heavily opposing South Africa's policy of apartheid.

Many Crossroads residents live there because they were forced to leave home when earlier laws barred

them from living near "white" cities.

Unrest has begun spilling out of Crossroads and into more stable areas such as Langa, where the Baptist home is located. Within walking distance of the home, Southern Baptist missionary Charles Hampton came upon youths who threw rocks and cement chunks at his truck. His windshield was smashed, but he was unhurt.

A state of emergency declared in the region has prevented the Blakleys from visiting Khayamandi recently, leaving it in the care of Baptist nationals. On July 1 Oswald Chuka, a Xhosa-speaking African minister in the Western Province Baptist Association, will become its administrator. Chuka and members of Langa Baptist Church, including Pastor Michael Dwada, have been checking on the 20 boys in Khayamandi and taking food and supplies to them.

Blakley is one of 15 members of Khayamandi's operations committee, as organized by the Western Province Baptist Association.

Marty Croll writes for the Foreign Mission Board.



# Carey teaches students to "stand up and take a leadership role"

By Tim Nicholas

William Clawson, knows that study at William Carey College changes lives. He's seen it with his own eyes.

As chairman of the Biblical Studies and Church Vocations Department at Carey, Clawson has been directly involved in the changing of lives. For instance, he tells of a retired military officer who came to Carey in Hattiesburg as an agnostic. Though he was in the pre-med program, all students are required to take Old Testament and New Testament survey courses. "He became interested in the history of the Bible," says Clawson, "inquired what Baptists mean to be saved and it was my privilege to witness to him." The man made a profession of faith in Christ, went to medical school for a time, then quit to become a full time pastor in Texas.

Another student who had a "low viewpoint of Christianity," says Clawson, responded to a comment Clawson made in class one day that a person's rights stop when they infringe on the actions of someone else, like at a ball park when someone lights up (a cigarette). "The next morning the man approached the professor, 'Dr. Clawson, you ruined a game for me.'"

The man shortly thereafter became active in church and while serving the military in the Philippines, wrote Clawson for copies of Clawson's Old Testament and New Testament notes to use for a young people's Sunday School class he was teaching.

Clawson remembers Danny Henderson, appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to Korea. "He told the FMB that because of exposure and the emphasis on missions in his course work (at Carey) he surrendered to missions."

On the home missions front, a Carey grad, now director of Brantley Rescue Mission in New Orleans, started a drug rehabilitation program at that mission and led the Home Mission Board to open a rehabilitation program for women also.

The tentacles of Carey spread in other directions than from classrooms on the main campus in Hattiesburg. There is a coast campus, offering a full program, and a nursing program in New Orleans.

Television is another tool of the school. Last semester 86 persons cor-

responded for credit for a course on the life of Christ. The department, which oversees the programming on Hattiesburg cable, will send study materials free to all who ask for them. Some Jews have even taken the Old Testament course, says Clawson. This fall the course will be on the major prophets.

That course concerns the major prophets of the Old Testament. The major prophet where William Carey College is concerned is its president for the past 30 years, Ralph Noonkester. His enthusiasm for the college apparently grows yearly. And his excitement over the possibilities that an endowment campaign raises is clear.

William Carey College will receive 29 percent of funds raised by the Mississippi Mission, a campaign among the three Baptist colleges in the state and the Baptist Children's Village to raise \$40 million to ensure the future of the institutions.

Should the entire \$40 million be raised, Carey would receive \$11.6 million. Noonkester already knows what would be done with the money.

"We built a building a year for 14 years," says Noonkester. Now, the college "needs to undergird" other areas. "We've told the faculty there is no way of lifting the salary level from its doldrums except for an endowment fund." Says Noonkester, "There has been an enthusiastic response here. They have seen the light." Already the school, with one gift of a million dollars, has doubled its existing endowment.

And the expansion of programs on three campuses necessitates such an endowment program. "There is no way to assure the continued existence without \$10-12 million in endowment funds," says Noonkester.

Noonkester lists how the endowment basically would be divided. Two million dollars would go for endowed chairs in Bible, business, nursing, and music; \$2.5 million would go for endowed professorships in all disciplines. These would alleviate financial stress toward faculty salaries in general freeing up money for increases to others. Another \$3.5 million would go to endowed scholarships, so that qualified students can afford to go to Carey. Another \$1 million is tagged for support services

and activities, such as for faculty development and academic programs. And \$2.6 million is for facilities support.

Noonkester explains that one gift already promised will go to a special program to bring in a key national figure to allow students to "rub shoulders with people of real prestige."

Carey's president, has a ten year "ACTIONS" plan for his remaining years as president which relate to strengthening the program. The acronym begins with "Academic program both pruned and amplified." For instance, says Noonkester, arts and science has been elevated from a school to a college "to show that instead of the tail wagging the dog, this was going to be the core."

"Christian distinctives reemphasized" will mean continuance of special spiritual emphases, now adding such a program on the coast campus.

"Traditional student recruitment accelerated" means that on campus resident students will be primarily recruited. "No doubt Carey had to get its slice of the pie in adult education and non-traditional programs. But you don't accomplish what we think are the real purposes of Mississippi Baptists with someone just taking classes at night," says Noonkester. "There is no way you can come through with the impact on students you do with more traditional programs. Colleges which survive will have to strengthen traditional programs."

Other portions of the ACTIONS include "Improved student life through emphasis on residential college," "Overall campaign launched for increased endowment," "New efforts in alumni support through enlarged Annual Fund," (Noonkester says a search for an alumni director is in the hands of the alumni themselves) and "Strengthen total college program through many-faceted renewal effort."

Another aspect of Carey's future is the impact of beginning a fulltime program on the Mississippi coast. Many wonder if the ultimate aim is to move the main campus there. "We'd be crazy to give up our location in Hattiesburg," says Noonkester. "Our base is the only place to be."

Vice president for development, and dean of graduate education Hugh

Dickens says that the impact of Carey can be seen "on any given Sunday morning." With approximately 7,000 graduates to date, "hundreds of ministers and church musicians — vocal and instrumental — stand in pulpits literally around the world — to serve the cause of Christ. To me that is the most convincing story. You've got the heart of the movement of the Baptist denomination. In addition to that you've got well prepared leaders in business and industry."

Milton Wheeler, newly named as vice president for student development, says that questionnaires show students come to Carey from influences in the following order: other students, alumni, and parents. "They are looking for a Christian college with a strong academic program, but apparently aren't appreciative of the role of student development," which is one of the reasons his post was created.

Wheeler also believes that "a number of students come to the college with what I would describe as inadequate understanding of basic Baptist doctrine and heritage. To me one of the missions of William Carey College is to fill those vacua."

The students themselves believe

that the size of Carey and the caring nature of its faculty make a better education for them. Brett Valentine of Vicksburg and president of student government, says he appreciates "the personal attention of the faculty and their willingness to go out of their way to help you. Also, on a smaller campus there are more opportunities to excell."

Cindy Cash of Quitman says that at Carey "so much more is demanded of you in each area." Had she gone to a larger school "I wouldn't have been forced as here into extra-curricular activities." Cindy helped organize an interfaith council which brings in Muslims, Jews, Catholics to speak.

Gary Roberson of Toombs, who won a Rotary scholarship to study overseas for a year — he chose the University of York — says that Carey has forced him to speak publicly. His honors program requires that he speak before the entire faculty. Perhaps, he says, "after graduation, when you see a problem in the community, you will stand up and take a leadership role rather than putting it off on someone else."

Sounds as if Gary has placed his finger directly on the heartbeat of Baptist higher education.

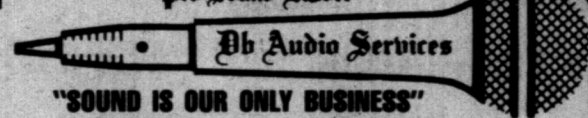
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## New Orleans Seminary elects Jerry Oswalt

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Trustees of New Orleans Seminary here have elected two new faculty members.

Robert Rex Mathis of Santa Fe, N.M., was named assistant professor of religious education. Jerry E. Oswalt of Silverhill, Ala., was elected associate professor of preaching.

Mathis, 38, has been minister of education and administration at First Baptist Church of Santa Fe since 1981.

Oswalt, 48, has been director of missions for Baldwin Baptist Association in Silverhill. A native of Starkville, Miss., Oswalt holds degrees from MSU and New Orleans Seminary.

## Missionaries should plan to stay in Hong Kong after 1997

HONG KONG (EP) — Foreign missionaries should plan to continue their work in Hong Kong after Britain's lease on the country expires and it reverts back to Chinese control in 1997, according to Theodore Hsueh, general manager of Hong Kong's Christian Communications Limited.

"China is changing and allows Christians from other parts of the world to come into a limited area inside the country now," he said. "We can expect the door to open further in the near future. The presence of foreign missionaries in Hong Kong will contribute to the confidence of local Christians as well as lend support to their status as Christians in Hong Kong Society."

Hsueh concluded, "Unless they are pressured or asked to leave by the majority of local Christians, Western missionaries should seek to serve with the local church more closely than ever."



# God is invading the corporate structure of America with Christian leaders

By Lonnie Wilkey

GATLINBURG, Tenn. (BP) — Leaders from various walks of life have agreed tomorrow's leaders must have vision, imagination, communication skills, and competence and that Southern Baptist educational institutions have an important role in developing those leaders.

About 800 educational, religious, and secular leaders attending the National Congress on Leadership in the 21st Century in Gatlinburg, Tenn., heard the topic of leadership from a variety of perspectives. The congress was sponsored by the Southern Baptist Education Commission and the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools.

R. Kirby Godsey, president of Mercer University in Macon, Ga., and chairman of the steering committee for the congress, said problems facing Baptist higher education are the result of "very basic and strong fears."

The fear of freedom has led many to abhor free inquiry which "lies at the very soul and essence of an educational endeavor. Take away free inquiry and we have made our institutions into ideological factories, propagandizing, indoctrinating, and seeking to protect our students from the perils of searching for the truth," Godsey said.

He insisted free and open inquiry must not be crippled in Baptist schools, and educators and students should not be afraid to think because the mind is a gift from God.

In order to meet the challenges which lie ahead, Godsey called for the development of trained leaders: "We see clearly that is far easier to attain authority, even power, than to become a leader. Leadership requires imagination. Call it vision or intuition. Unless our activities are punctuated with a vision of where we are going we very quickly begin to go nowhere."

He urged Baptist educators to

"celebrate the contributions of Baptist higher education" while also being willing to "confess our failures in the same arena."

If education is ever excluded from the mission of the church, the church will lose its sense of heritage and destiny, he added.

Warren Bennis, a professor at the University of Southern California and co-author of "Leaders: The Strategies for Taking Charge," said successful leaders envision the future and communicate what they see.

Bennis, who spent five years studying 90 top American corporate, government, and organizational leaders, related two themes present in every leader he studied.

"The first thing that really stood out was their management of attention through vision. When they talked about their organizational vision — their goals — they made me interested. They had the awesome capacity to create a vision which would take you to a different place," Bennis said.

## Communicate vision

Leaders also must be effective in "the management of meaning through communication," he related. "In order to get commitment, a vision has to be communicated. The leader is the person who can cut through the dense plethora of information and tell people the meaning."

According to Cal Turner, president and chief executive officer of Dollar General Corporation in Scottsville, Ky., a good leader is one who spends a lifetime "constantly narrowing the gap between who you know God wants you to be and who you really are. And you can only do that with God's help."

Turner said good leadership requires the "highest calling." Many people, including Christian educators and pastors, are good at what they do, "but they are not leaders."

A major problem in America today is "neglect of good leadership, not ignorance of it. We know how to do it. The problem is that we're only giving lip service to it," he maintained.

An aerospace industry executive said Baptist schools must provide value-centered education for the training of tomorrow's industrial leaders.

Lois Wenger, senior staff member to the vice president for operations at Marietta Aerospace Industries in Orlando, Fla., and former recording secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, said Christians hold the key to the realization of a new kind of leadership for American industry. "God is literally invading the corporate structure of America" with Christian leaders, she said.

Wenger profiled the effective Christian leader of the 21st century as a person of unquestioned integrity, people-oriented, creative, committed to excellence, an expert communicator, a team leader and a team builder, one who exercises leadership through consensus and a person with global vision.

She urged Baptist schools to "continue reinforcing these principles of leadership in the hearts and minds" of young people who will become tomorrow's industrial leaders.

James L. Sullivan, retired president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn., noted the "Bible doesn't say much about leadership per se, but it has a lot to say about servanthood and service."

Sullivan, an expert on Baptist polity, related "some lessons learned along the way" during a lifetime of service as a pastor and as a Baptist agency executive.

Good leaders are good learners, he emphasized. Sullivan quoted his mother's advice that "anybody in the word who knows something you don't is your potential teacher."

Unless leaders "recognize that people are the greatest resource we have," he said, "then we have failed before we've even begun."

Sullivan said good leaders will be persons of integrity and high moral character who know how to "love people regardless of background."

Hal Wingo, assistant managing editor of *People Weekly* magazine in New York, urged educators to look to the future with confidence.

Faced with the mind-boggling challenges of the 21st century, Christians can either "wither into uselessness" or embrace the future with the confidence that "God is always out there ahead of us."

Wingo, a Southern Baptist, said a required characteristic for Christian leaders in the future will be the "ability to suspend disbelief within the framework of faith." The Christian must be open not only to new advances in technology, science, and other fields, but also new possibilities for God's work in the world, he said.

Wingo added it will be increasingly important as civilization enters the next century that Christian leaders "be willing to see the hand of God in whatever is to be."

Again, he cautioned, that does not mean blindly accepting evil or tragedy as God's intention, explaining what it does entail is the willingness to be surprised by the greatness of God.

The future, with its capacity to turn today's fantasy into tomorrow's reality, may be awesome, Wingo said, but "isn't the mind of God greater than Steven Spielberg's?"

Wingo said Christian leaders can face the future with a certain faith: "Our task is to dare the 21st century to show us its stuff, and we will show it a people whose God is not through with the world yet."

Lonnie Wilkey writes for the Education Commission.

## Capsules



### Scriptures are best-sellers

NEW YORK, NY (ABS) — When the youngest family members are not yet able to read it is the older ones who must read to them. But what if they in turn find that difficult? One way of avoiding that is to provide books with the very simplest of words and phrases.

With that in mind the Indonesian Bible Society prepared a translation of the New Testament for children in the national language, says Bible Society translations coordinator Daniel C. Arichea. The result, in publishing terms, has been a runaway best-seller.

So much so, Arichea recently told his American Bible Society co-workers in New York, that the parents are using the new translation for their own Bible study classes.

Indonesia is a country of some 175 million people, and last year the Bible Society also published a Bible for all ages in contemporary Indonesian.

### Seminary grows in Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala — The Guatemala Baptist Theological Seminary has launched two new programs this year and more than doubled its enrollment from 14 to 32. Southern Baptist missionary Jean Byrd is directing the new Department of Women's Studies.

The two-year program offers a certificate or diploma in religious education for women church workers. Twelve have enrolled. Two Baptist pastors are studying in the new master of theology program, directed by missionary Harry Byrd. Twenty students are currently enrolled in the basic three-year seminary program.

### Grenada church fulfills dream

GREENVILLE, Grenada — A dream shared by missionaries Carter and Charlotte Davis and Grenadian Allen McGuire has come true. For years the Davises asked for new missionaries who could work in the Greenville area, which had no Baptist church. McGuire, a bank manager in Greenville, also wanted to help start a church.

The dream began to materialize when new missionaries Bob and Oakie Blevins arrived and started a prayer meeting and Bible study in McGuire's home. Full worship services began in the Blevinses' home in February with 52 people. The growing congregation now meets on the missionaries' porch while the search for a church building progresses.



## Book Reviews

**A CALL TO WORSHIP**, arranged by Irene Martin; Message Music Publishing Company, Box 412, Forest, Miss. 39074; available from HIS Song, P. O. Box 180212, Mobile, Ala. 36618 (1-800-824-1230).

This is a delightful call to worship that had an early if not its premiere performance at last year's Mississippi Baptist Music Leadership Conference at Gulfshore by the conference choir and handbell group made up of Mississippi Baptist musicians.

The piece has been arranged for soprano, alto, tenor, and bass and for accompaniment by organ and by 20 handbells. The handbells add a dimension that makes it particularly attractive. At the conclusion of the call to worship the audience stands and joins in the singing. This adds even another dimension to the music.

The numbers used in the arrangement are "O Worship the King" (Lyons), "Come, Thou Almighty

King" (Italian hymn), and "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Nicaea).

In a note about this call to worship, Dan Hall, director of the Mississippi Baptist Church Music Department, wrote, "Worship is active. There is a heart-warming trend toward more participation of the congregation in worship. Through the years we have tended to make worship passive with the acting out of worship leaders rather than active participation of the congregation. Worship will become more personal and meaningful as members of the congregation enter in wholeheartedly. 'A Call to Worship' speaks to this need."

Following the handbell introduction to the call to worship there is a narration of Psalm 100: 1 and 2b: "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands . . . come before his presence with singing."

This call to worship will go a long way toward establishing a joyful wor-

ship setting. Its several dimensions provide a refreshing experience. — DTM

**Getting More Out Of Church**; Kiser, Wayne, Victor Press, pp. 165.

This book is different, but needed. The author begins with a chapter entitled "When The Joy Is Gone." He discusses different scenarios of individuals who were "burnt-out" on church. He then proceeds through the remainder of the book to discuss ways a person can Get More Out Of Church.

One helpful chapter was "Preparing to Worship." The author says one way to do so is to "come to the service prepared." Amen! This means proper rest on Saturday nights! Another helpful chapter for all church members was entitled "Understanding Your Pastor." The author helps the lay-person realize the responsibility of the pastor.

Although he said some things I couldn't agree with, he said some I could. It was a good book. — Review-

ed by Gregory E. Potts, Bluff Springs Church, Magnolia.

**Introducing The Sermon**; Hostetler, Michael J., Zondervan, pp. 86.

"In many ways, the introduction is the most important part of sermon delivery." So says the author in the first chapter of the book. He goes on to say that in a matter of two minutes the preacher can possibly lose his congregation. All the work that went into preparation would be for naught.

These are indeed, strong words about a part of the sermon that, often times, is least prepared. He says a good introduction should have four parts: The secular, biblical, personal, and structural. The author goes on to state the importance and to give examples of each type.

The book is easy to read and something I particularly liked, was practical. Every preacher would profit by reading this book. — Reviewed by Gregory E. Potts, pastor, Bluff Springs Church, Magnolia.



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## Jones students go on "spot mission trip"

Ten students from Jones County Junior College and John Sumner, BSU director, went to Houston, Texas, on a spot mission trip May 11. For eight days they worked with Mrs. Mildred McWhorter at the Houston Baptist Center. (She is director of three centers there, Joy Fellowship, Gano, and Fletcher.) They worked with Children and Teen Clubs, leading in Bible studies and a time of recreation. Also they led a worship service one night. An average of 66 children and/or youth attended each meeting. While the Women's Club met, the students kept the nursery for about 30 babies on three different occasions. Other projects included sorting, bagging, and delivering bread; sorting and bagging food; sorting and bagging clothes; street witnessing; cleaning one of the centers, including the gym; and carpentry work.

## Buford Sellers dies prior to move, marriage

Buford Sellers Sr., 53, pastor of Oakland Baptist Church for 20 years, died early Sunday, June 29, at Grenada Lake Medical Center of a heart attack.

Sellers was to have preached his farewell sermon at Oakland later that morning. He had accepted the pastorate of Bethel Baptist Church, Bethel, N.C. A widower, Sellers was engaged to marry Helen Lawrence of Winterville, N.C., on July 5. His late wife was Helen Jean Sellers who died Oct. 7, 1984.

A bivocational pastor, Sellers was principal of Coffeeville elementary school. He was a graduate of Clarke College and Mississippi College and earned a master of arts degree from the University of Mississippi. He was honored with a doctor of divinity degree from Universal Bible Institute in 1974.

He was buried at Oakland Cemetery after services at Oakland Church.

Liberty (Carroll) July 13 - 18; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Charles Melton, professor at Clarke College and director of missions for Newton Association, evangelist; Clavier Blair, music director; Harry Sartain, pastor.

Neely Church, Neely (Greene); July 13 - 18; services each evening at 7 p.m.; John S. Allen, pastor, First Church, Richton, evangelist; Michael Daughtrey, minister of music, First, Richton, music director; Rhonda Blackwell, pianist; Billy R. Blackwell, pastor.

Success slips away from you like sand through the fingers, like water through a leaky pail, unless success is held tightly by hard work, day by day, night by night, year in and year out. Everyone who is not looking forward to going to seed looks forward to working harder and harder and more fruitfully as long as he lasts. — Stuart Pratt Sherman

Sellers is survived by daughters, Mrs. Pam Donaldson of Memphis and Mrs. Rose Marie Caulder of Sumner; sons, Buford Sellers Jr., of Water Valley and Neal Sellers of Oakland; five sisters, two brothers, and five grandchildren.

Sellers was a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and had been moderator of Yalobusha Association.

Earlier pastorates included Mt. Pisgah, Leflore, Bethel, Pine Forest, Centerville, Airport in Washington County, Nanjemoy in Maryland, and Phillipston in Sidon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Ford, missionaries to Scotland, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 803 Coastal Highway A-1-A, St. Augustine, Fla. 32084). He is a native of St. Augustine. The former Marsha Waldrep, she was born in New Orleans, La., and considers Holly Springs, Miss., her hometown. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1982.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy J. Hartfield, Baptist representatives to Mexico since 1960, retired from active missionary service June 1. Before retirement, he served as treasurer of the Baptist mission and she was a publications worker. They are natives of Mississippi. He was born in Purvis and grew up on a farm near Hattiesburg. She is the former Susie Armstrong of Lamar County. They may be addressed at Rt. 8, Box 1474, Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Brigham III, missionaries to Thailand, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 323 N. St., Yazoo City, Miss. 39194). He was born in Houston, Texas, and grew up in Yazoo City. She is the former Michele Rogers of Collins, Miss. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1982.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Sims, missionaries to Ghana, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 1806 Dauphin St., Mobile, Ala. 36606). He is a native of Flomaton, Ala., and she is the former Sherry McCraw of Jackson, Miss. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodrick Conerly, missionaries to Peru, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 721 E. Northside Dr., Jackson, Miss. 39206). He is a native of Osyka, Miss. The former Caroline Powell, she was born in Franklinton, La., and considers Osyka her hometown. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1981.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. Provost, Baptist representatives to Yemen, report a change of address (9710 Mt. Pisgah Rd. #101, Silver Spring, Md. 20903). He was born in Jonesboro, Ark., and grew up in Belzoni, Miss., and in Lapan-to, Hughes, Harrisburg, and West Memphis, Ark. She is the former Brenda Bryles of Pine Bluff, Ark. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1981.

Mr. and Mrs. J. David Southerland, missionaries to Belgium, have arrived in the States for furlough (2700 Evans Dr., Dothan, Ala. 36303). A native of Florida, he was born in Orlando and considers Graceville his hometown. The former Mary Lynn Perkins of Mississippi, she was born in DeKalb and considers Macon her hometown. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1982.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Tarpley, missionaries to Nigeria, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Baptist Medical Center, Box 15, Ogbomosh, Nigeria). He was born in Nashville, Tenn., and also lived in Kentucky and Mississippi while growing up. She is the former Margaret

Anne Johnson of Burns, Tenn. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1977, he was an instructor in surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Byron Harbin, missionaries to Brazil, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 8130 Fondren Rd., Houston, Texas 77074). He was born in Tuscaloosa County, Ala., and lived near Bainbridge, Ga., while growing up. She is the former Dora Dunkley of McLaurin, Miss. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Lee Jr., missionaries, have transferred from Spain to El Paso Baptist Publications (address: Box 4255, El Paso, Texas 79914). They are natives of Mississippi. He is from Starkville, and she is the former Brenda Haggard of Louisville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Erwin, missionaries to Brazil, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Caixa Postal 200, 17600 Tupa, SP, Brazil). He was born in Florence, Ala., and grew up in Oak Ridge and Knox County, Tenn. She is the former Veronica (Ronnie) Wheeler of Sandersville, Miss. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Raley, missionaries to Taiwan, have arrived in

the States for furlough (address: 3331 Old Canton Rd., Jackson, Miss. 39216). He is a native of Kershaw County, S.C. The former Frances Bibb, she was born near Moorhead, Miss., and lived on farms near Drew, Miss. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Ray Jr., missionaries to Korea, report a change of address (201-5 O Jung Dong, Taejon 300, Korea). He was born in New Orleans, La., and considers Greenwood, Miss., his hometown. She is the former Sheryl Smith of Jackson, Miss. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1984.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Reppeto, Baptist representatives to Mexico, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 11209 E. 49th St., Kansas City, Mo. 64133). He is a native of Kansas City, Mo. The former Olive Hundley, she was born in Drew, Miss., and grew up there and in Yazoo City, Miss. They were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1981.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. J. Cannata Jr., missionaries to Tanzania, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 2422, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania). He is a native of Houston, Texas. The former Virginia (Ginny) Currey of Mississippi, she was born in Greenville and also lived in Stoneville, Leland, and Hollandale while growing up. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1957.

## Staff Changes

Robbie Barr, a graduate of Mississippi College and a student at New Orleans Seminary accepted a call to pastor Dixons Mill Church, Dixons Mill, Ala.

Charles Heltman is the new interim pastor at Cliff Temple Church, Natchez. He and his wife recently returned from Bangkok, Thailand, where he worked at Calvary Church. He has been pastor of Bogue Chitto Church, Pike County; Lena Church; and Trinity Church, Montgomery, Ala.

Joe Barber III, has begun work as pastor of Georgetown Church, Georgetown. He served as associate



pastor for two years at Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg. A graduate of Mississippi College, he earned the master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary in 1984. He is engaged to be married Sept. 6 to Reba Finch who is a CPA in Vicksburg. His new address is Box 168, Georgetown, Miss. 39078.

Kenny Hunt has resigned the pastorate of Dry Creek Church, Winston County, to accept the pastorate of Wess Chapel in the same county.

Anyone who burns the candle at both ends is probably trying to read the menu — Changing Times, The Kiplinger Magazine

Dan Mobley, pastor of New Prospect Church, Monroe Association, has accepted the pastorate of Midway Church, Vardaman.

F. Gene Jacks of Vicksburg is available for a pastorate, a supply pastorate, and revival meetings. His address is Rt. 11, Box 492, Vicksburg, Miss. 39180, and his phone number is (601) 636-8277.

Sid L. Taylor has been called as pastor of Success Church, Saucier. He is founder and director of Prison Evangelism Outreach. He and his wife Kay have three children.

## Revival Dates

Camp Ground Church, Yalobusha Association; July 27 to 30; G. H. Surrette, evangelist.

New Haven, Terry: July 11-13; Fri. and Sat. at 7 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; evangelist, Carl Taylor, missionary to Brazil; Marshall Killcrease, pastor.

Union, Rankin: July 6-11; evangelist, Charles King; Vernell Daniels, pastor.

Utica: July 20-23; evangelist, James Richardson, pastor, First Church, Madison; song leaders, Mrs. Judy Walker; John Ed Snell, pastor.



## Just for the Record

Dry Creek Church, Preston, held a note burning service for its pastorum. On program were Edward Triplett and W. C. Palmer, Jr. Recognized were Kenny Hunt, pastor, and his wife, Shelia. Others recognized for contributions were Mrs. Nannie McBrayer, donating an acre of land; Parker Allen, surveying; Hon. Helen McDale, deed; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Palmer and Mrs. Mary Emma Kreidt loaning balance of money with no interest charged; the deacons, and Mrs. Eldridge recording papers. The building committee members were Russell and Gladys Shepard, Ray and Elaine Faulk, and Johnnie and Bonnie Hughes.

Charles Rook, Louisville, supplied for the services, recognizing present and future fathers on Father's Day, June 15.

"On June 1, W. C. Palmer, Jr. and Richard Glenn McBrayer burned the note that was paid in full," says Mrs. Zella Wayne Jones, church clerk.



Mission Friends of Washington Association, recently had a holiday at Harty Park in Greenville. One-hundred-seven children, leaders and mothers participated. Games were played, and Bible stories told. Picnic lunch was served.

Cindy Potter is associational Mission Friends director. Carolyn Gilder is the associational WMU director. Ray Raddin is director of missions.



Dara Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hart, and Beth Wilkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wilkinson, both of Jackson's First Church, have six years of perfect attendance in the children's choir ministry. They have been present for all rehearsals and performances. Dara will be a fifth grader and Beth will be a fourth grader in the fall. Larry Black is the minister of music.

For the first time, this year's Vacation Bible School at Camp Ground Church, Yalobusha Association, included a youth class. There were 17 enrolled with an average attendance of 15. The teacher was Jimmy Jones.

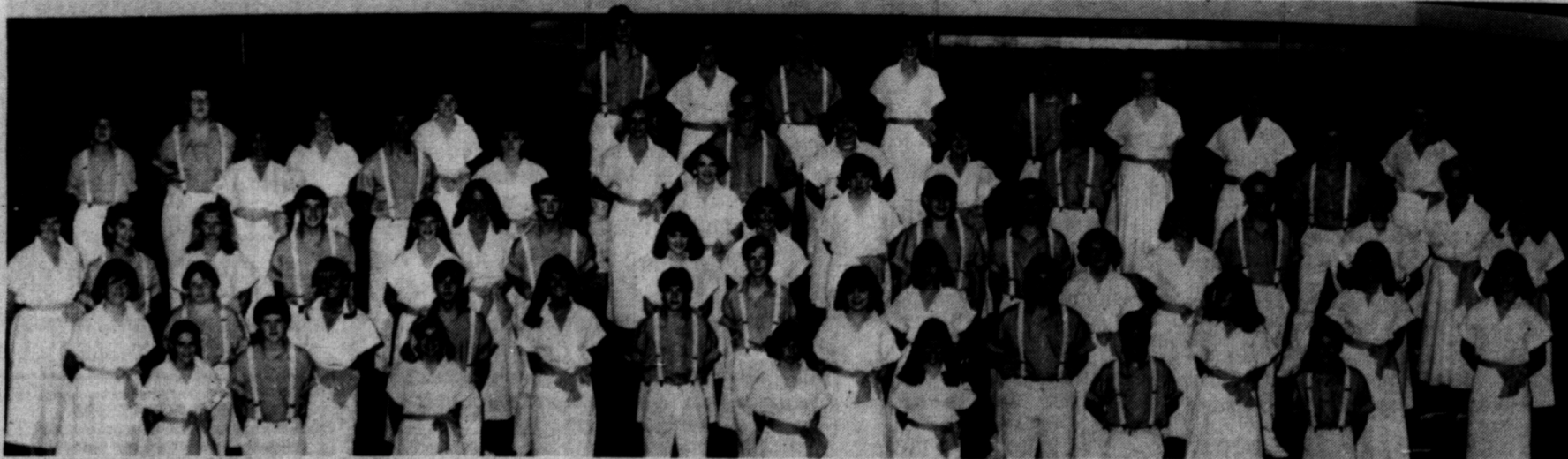
Pope Church, Pope, held high attendance day, June 29, tallying 125 at Sunday School. The church has 150 on roll. Following the morning service, was dinner on the grounds and a baptismal service. Al Mullan is pastor.

Bogue Chitto Indian Baptist Church, in 1983 finished the majority of work on a new sanctuary with help of members and friends throughout Mississippi. Members report that the church has outgrown its present available classroom space and is readying a new project to build an education building. For information on the project, contact Charles Doby Henry, chairman of the building project committee at Rt. 7, Philadelphia, Miss., 39350, phone 656-4077. Homer Gibson is pastor.

Gerald Dye has licensed to the gospel ministry by Wallerville Church, Union County. He is available for pulpit supply, revivals, and can be reached at Rt. 3, Box 9, Blue Springs, Miss. 38828, or by phoning 534-6794.

### Homecoming

Paynes (Tallahatchie): July 13; Sunday School 9:45; worship 11 a.m.; Mike Everson, former pastor, bringing message; lunch served in fellowship hall at noon; program of singing at 1:30 p.m.; Pepper Dill, pastor.



"Sonshine" Youth Choir, First Church, Laurel, was presented in concert, June 1. Most selections were chosen from the book, "Just Gotta Tell Ya." "Sonshine" has

just returned from a Florida choir tour where they led in several worship services and attended Biblia Village Retreat Center. Jan Sellers and Sue Walker are directors of the group and Billy Vaughan is minister of music.

## June gifts total \$1,136,588

June Cooperative Program gifts from Mississippi Baptist churches totaled \$1,136,588, which is \$61,080 more than for the same month in 1985, according to an announcement by Earl Kelly executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This brings the 1986 total to

\$8,718,065, or \$556,935 under the pro rata amount which would reach the budget goal by the end of the year. The 1986 budget is \$18,550,000. Gifts from the nearly 2,000 participating Southern Baptist churches in Mississippi go to in state and out of state missions and education causes.

## Choral reading festival planned

A choral reading festival is scheduled for July 19 at Roseberry Piano House in Hattiesburg. The time is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guest clinicians will include Claire Cloninger and Ed Kee, who are writers and arrangers of Christian music, and Forrest Coe, who is national music coordinator for Singspiration Music. Pre-registration is \$23, and registration at the door is \$25. Lunch will be served free.

## Staff Changes

Robin Jumper, pastor of Little Bahala, has resigned and accepted the pastorate at Wellman, Lincoln County.

Larry W. Fields, pastor of the Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, for the past four and one-half years, resigned June



Fields, 29, to become pastor at Central Church of Bearden in Knoxville, Tenn. Central Church of Bearden is the largest church in Knoxville with a membership of 3,300 and church facilities worth 8½ million dollars. He will begin his new work on August 1.

While Fields served at Harrisburg, the church added several plots of land, renovated buildings and parking areas, celebrated the church's 50th anniversary, doubled Cooperative Program and total mission giving, and added 611 new members.

Fields served as vice president of the trustees of the Baptist Children's Village, area director of Planned Growth in Giving, and was district director of the Mississippi Mission for the abiding values. (The Baptist endowment campaign.) He was also active in local community activities.

Former pastorates include First Church, Summit; and Tangipahoa Church, Pike County.

## New lesson writers

(Continued from page 4)

doctor of ministry in preaching. He is married to the former Nancy Clower and they have three children. His military experience includes three years in the Air Force, overseas.

Self has served on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Currently he is a member of the state committee charged with the responsibility of raising 40 million endowment. He is author of *Preaching in Christology*.

## Hospital expands in Paraguay

ASUNCION, Paraguay (BP) — A new \$550,000 wing is being added to Baptist Hospital in Asuncion, Paraguay, an institution which has won much respect for Baptists in the country.

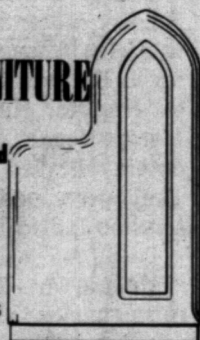
The hospital is financing expansion through a \$437,535 interest-free loan and a \$112,464 gift from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The loan is to be paid back within 10 years.

Much of the money for the new wing came from Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust capital funds; other funds were provided through gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

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### MAY 30 - JUNE 12

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Mrs. Jim Hardin  
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Mrs. Margaret L. Bourne  
Shannon Sharpe  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Partie  
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# BAPTIST CHILDREN'S VILLAGE ADOPTED BUDGET GOAL

**JULY 1, 1986 - JUNE 30, 1987**

**\$1,975,000.00**

## WANTED

Christian homes to serve as hosts  
for Village children

1986 Summer Vacation.

No pre-schoolers available.

Dates are July 25 through August 10  
If you can minister to our children

in this way,

Please Call

Madge King

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As soon as possible.

## Program Ministries of The Baptist Children's Village

By Henry M. Glaze, Director of Programs

Last year The Baptist Children's Village served over 450 children. The needs of these youth and their families varied widely. Very few had only the basic need for food, shelter, and clothing. Although our staff makes every effort to meet the needs there are some children that can not have their needs met in group care. These have emotional and physical problems too severe to be met by us.

The Village provides a wide range of services, specialized programs, and six unique environments. Specialized programs include crisis intervention services which provide children immediate secure shelter. These children are brought from emergency conditions. Care is provided while plans are made for children and their families.

Other specialized programs include treatment for alcohol and drug dependent youth and preparation for independent living for older youth who will shortly be out on their own.

The Village has six distinct campus and group home situation. Each offers unique features of location, size, community, school and church environment that can lend positive influence to troubled youth. Each child's individual needs and situation is assessed by an in depth admission study. From this the child is assigned to the faculty and programs that best meets his or her needs. Many children who otherwise would have been lost as productive citizens, have been helped because of this ability to offer different services to them.

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Village young people received certificates of award on The India Nunnery Campus for participation in activities at The Baptist Children's Village as well as for scholastic achievements.

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Martha Hunter Ray  
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Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Fortenberry  
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- Life and Work: *Hunger*
- Bible Book: *Judgement on Nineveh, deliverance for Judah*

## Judgement on Nineveh, deliverance for Judah

By Marjean Patterson  
Nahum 1:1 - 3:19

The book of Nahum is part of a cluster of Old Testament books referred to as "minor" prophets. "Minor" simply means that a book is shorter in length than those of "major" prophets. The Bible never refers to a prophet as "major" or "minor."

Very little is known about the man, Nahum. The word Nahum means "one who consoles." The tone of his message suggests that he was a Judean who had experienced Assyrian oppression. Nahum's home is listed as a place called Elkosh. The exact date of the book is unknown.

Nahum, an unusually gifted poet, speaks forcefully concerning God's imminent punishment of the Ninevites. The punishment would be severe; in fact, Nineveh would be totally destroyed and would never recover.

Jonah had preached to the Ninevites many years prior to the time of Nahum and they had repented of their evil ways (Jonah 3:10). In the intervening years, however, they had returned to their wrong doings. Nahum came on the scene as God's voice of vengeance and destruction.

### 1. The completeness of God's vengeance (1:1-11)

Nahum wrote what he had received from God in an oracle or a vision. He wrote in order that his people might read it and take heart. Using broad, strong strokes Nahum makes six declarations about God. God is jealous; avenging; full of wrath; long-suffering or slow to anger; great in power; and will not overlook those who sin.

God's avenging wrath, rather than his forgiving love, is emphasized. He describes God's manifestations of himself as being accompanied by

storms, earthquakes, and other strange occurrences in nature. Though God holds his power in check in order to give every possible chance for repentance, the message clearly is that the Lord is a God who is not to be trifled with.

### 2. God's promise to free Judah from Nineveh (1:12-15)

Nahum spoke to reassure the people of Judah concerning the coming destruction of Nineveh. The great and eternal point is made that though God's enemy (Assyria) is strong, God is stronger.

Comfort and peace would come to Judah as the yoke that Nineveh had had on her would be shattered. Nahum emphasized that this deliverance should be permanent — "I will break his yoke from off you and will burst your bonds asunder."

For the Ninevites, all hope was gone. God's message to Nahum was

that (1) the name of Nineveh would be blotted out; (2) images would be removed from their temples, thus desecrating their places of worship; and (3) he would prepare a tomb for Nineveh for she was vile and deserved to die. What a strong reminder that God will judge evil doers and will measure out punishment.

In the midst of the promise of destruction and devastation, God provides a messenger to bear the message from the Lord that Judah had waited a century to hear — restoration of his people.

### 3. The destruction of the city (2:1-3:7)

Notice the poetic soul of Nahum as he described the battle against Nineveh. The red-clad soldiers, carrying leather shields dyed red — the highly-polished chariots which caused them to appear to be on fire when struck by the sun's rays — the pranc-

ing horses, all conjure up a terrifying situation.

In verse 6, Nahum describes how the battle will be won. The city was encircled by the Tigris River and other smaller streams. There was a deep moat outside the city which kept out invaders. When the gates which controlled the flow of water were opened, the water would drain away quickly and provide access to the city. A gruesome picture is painted by Nahum — the city, reduced to ruins, piles of corpses, and animals gone mad.

### Conclusion

As Nahum conveys the announcement of the doom of Nineveh, he leaves no room for hope of any relenting on God's part. Yet here and there Nahum inserts a gracious word of promise to God's people. Judgement will fall upon the enemies of God, but his wrath and vengeance shall not come upon his own.

Marjean Patterson is executive director, Mississippi WML.

## Messenger to a rebellious people

By Robert E. Self  
Ezekiel 1:1, 2:1, 3:3

Ezekiel was a prophet during the Babylonian exile, having been taken to Babylon as a young man about 597 B.C. He was a member of a priestly family and a youthful contemporary of Jeremiah and Daniel. He became a prophet while still a young man and ministered to a people who to a large extent became satisfied with life in Babylon.

Ezekiel became known in his relationship to God by the term "Son of man," a term that would be used by Jesus in later years as his own favorite self-designation. The title emphasizes the prophet's humanity in comparison to the deity and strength of God.

### I. His call (2:1-2)

The people of the exile had forgotten to a large degree their long time relationship to God. They are described as a rebellious people who transgressed against God. The message from God across the ages needed to be spoken again to call the people to repentance.

In that setting, God spoke to Ezekiel and called him to be a prophet. Ezekiel 1:1 speaks of the visions that he saw from God and in 2:1-2 the call is completed. God invited Ezekiel to enter into communion with him and as Ezekiel responded, the Spirit entered him. The call has been completed. Ezekiel knew that God had a job for him to do.

### II. His commission (2:3-6)

God told Ezekiel that he was to go

to a wayward people who were rebellious. He was assured of a message with authority, a "thus saith the Lord God."

The description of the people to whom he would minister must have evoked fear and thoughts of failure. He would not be welcomed with his message. God encouraged him with the words, "Do not be afraid of them." The task was no easy one.

### III. His compliment (2:7, 3:3)

"What shall I say?" The thought must always be upon the heart of the messenger. Ezekiel is comforted with the compliment of God, "Speak my words to them." It is doubtful that the fact that he would go to the "house of Israel" offered much comfort. The term here probably indicates both racial and religious relationships.

Ezekiel had the certainty of the presence of God if he were faithful to the task. God himself would be with him and God's message would be his word. He received a scroll that was the word of God and he allowed it to consume his inner being.

When Ezekiel got the message, he tells us that it was as sweet as honey in his mouth. The prophet became comfortable with his message and his task because God was with him.

### Conclusion:

One of the key thoughts in this passage is that we are commanded to share the message without regard to the response of the hearers. Had the obedience of Ezekiel been predicated upon probable positive response, he probably would not have witnessed.

There is greater hindrance to witnessing today than the fear of our message being rejected. We have come to believe that the only successful witness is one that ends with

a positive response. Yet, when God sent Ezekiel among the people, he said that his major task was to proclaim wonder that "they will know that a prophet has been among them."

About a year ago, several Mississippians were involved in a partnership mission with Argentine Christians.

One night in Entre Rios, three farm boys of about 20 years of age heard the gospel. They received Jesus into their lives. At the same time, a middle-aged man brushed the message aside and said "I don't believe that."

Most believed that one witness was successful, the other a failure. If we really believe that God gives the increase, as he surely does, then we must agree that our task is to tell and leave the results to him. If we do what he has commanded, many will receive our message. The thrust of Sunday School is to witness to the world. We simply must commit ourselves to telling about Jesus to bring men to him.

Robert Self is pastor, First, Brookhaven.

## Hunger

By James W. Street

Isaiah 58:6-7; Matthew 25:41-42;

Luke 3:10-11; James 2:14-17

Triage is, in origin, a French word meaning to sort out, to select. It is a battlefield word where aid is given to those who have the best chance for survival. Others, us included, have appropriated this word and some underdeveloped nations have made it policy with regard to food shortages. Simply stated, the bureaucrats have decided to let the rural people starve to death and allow the people in the cities to eat in order to stave off a revolution.

Some people are deciding that other people are expendable. You eat and you die. You live and you starve. Triage in that context is unconscionable, but it is a reality if an extended period of food shortages comes.

And today? Statisticians tell us that as many as ten million will die of starvation in 1986; that maybe two hundred million could die in this decade.

Actually, we are told that one-third of all babies die of malnutrition before they reach the age of five.

Why all this distressing news? Because it is true and because we need to be sensitized to the problem and the demands of Christ. Our real problem is that most of us have never felt unabated hunger and find some difficulty generating empathy for those who do. Even careful Christians who are knowledgeable of Isaiah's pronouncements concerning God's compassionate love for the poor and hungry have trouble getting a handle on God's expectation of his people to make provision.

We are more than a little edgy when we read Matthew's account of the words of Jesus concerning the final judgement when those who have not fed the hungry are dismissed from his presence. All Christians understand Luke's recounting, the plain-spoken words of John the Baptist when extra tunics and food are treated equally. James reminds believers that we are

to help those who have special (hunger) needs.

So, how are we to sharpen our spirits and what are we to do? To both questions, and for that matter in all questions, we look to him. Jesus had just learned that John the Baptist had been beheaded and he needed some time alone. But the crowds would not leave him alone. Putting aside his grief and his needs, he turned to them. When evening came, the disciples were ready to send the people away so they could feed themselves.

Jesus instructed the disciples to feed the crowd, to sacrifice what they had. In effect he said, "You let go of your materialism, begin to sacrifice, and you will live." He knew how much they had, and how much we have and his response was and is, "Bring it here to me." A lot or a little, bring it to me.

You may accuse me of simplicity, but if Jesus had compassion and acted, then I believe that he expects us to be moved with deep feelings of empathy and then to act. How, may be the question.

Here are some suggestions. Do as my parents did in the days of hobos — feed them at your table with your

food. Support local organizations that are in the business of doing what we should be doing — give money, canned goods, time, and energy. Do as some Mississippi College students did in the spring, skip a meal and give the proceeds to World Hunger Relief. Pester your preacher to observe World Hunger Relief Day, October 12, 1986.

Certainly, one should remember to pray for those in our town, our state, our nation, and our world who are hungry. We should feel their pain even as Jesus feels their anguish. And then we should do something!

James W. Street is pastor, First, Cleveland.

## Senior center opens in Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary has opened the first floor of a new student dormitory as a place for ministry to the many elderly people living in the local community. During the first two days of operation at the Evergreen Activity Center, two people accepted Christ as personal Savior.

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